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For the attention of
all IPU Groups

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**Office of the
Secretary General**

Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

I am pleased to share with you the third IPU-UNDP Global Parliamentary Report: *Public engagement in the work of parliament*, which was presented at a special segment of the 144th IPU Assembly in Nusa Dua, Indonesia. The IPU is especially grateful to the parliaments of Ecuador, Fiji, South Africa and the United Kingdom who introduced their case studies on public engagement to IPU Members at the Assembly.

“Public engagement” is a fundamental feature of democratic societies. The Report analyses why public engagement matters and how parliaments are engaging currently with the communities they represent. It outlines trends and strategic priorities for better and deeper engagement in the future.

The Global Parliamentary Report on *Public engagement in the work of parliament* is available for [download from the IPU web site](#). An Executive Summary summarizes the findings and recommendations. An Annex provides detailed case studies and practical guides. Taken together, these documents set out a road map for enhanced public engagement by parliaments and parliamentarians, working collaboratively with the community to achieve participatory, inclusive and responsive parliaments.

For the IPU, the publication of this Report is only a starting point. The theme of public engagement will run throughout the Strategy period 2022-2026, and irrigate our work in all policy areas, including climate change. It contributes to achieving the objectives of the IPU Strategy and the fundamental principles of effective institutions and inclusive decision-making embedded within the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Listening to the voices of the community and responding to people’s needs is so integral to what parliament does. I am proud that the IPU is able to support your parliament’s efforts by facilitating the exchange of experience and good practice between IPU Members.

I invite all IPU Members to support this initiative in favor of better and deeper public engagement in the work of parliament and to share their good practice examples with each other.

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Here are three examples of practical actions that your parliament could take:

- Join the “public launch” of the Report in an online event on 30-31 May. For more information and the registration link, please see <https://www.ipu.org/event/present-and-future-public-engagement>
- Organize a national launch of the Report in your parliament
- Provide contact information for the “focal point” on public engagement in your parliament so we can keep you informed of follow-up activities and opportunities to share your experience

For more details about the Report and follow-up activities in cooperation with IPU and UNDP, please do not hesitate to contact my colleagues Andy Richardson and Tamar Chugoshvili at gpr@ipu.org.

Advancing public engagement will require our joint efforts and continuous commitment. I look forward to our solid cooperation in promoting public engagement in the work of parliament, both nationally and globally.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Martin Chungong', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Martin Chungong
Secretary General