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Second Regional Seminar for African Parliaments on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

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Dear Madame Speaker,
Dear Mr. Speaker,

It is our great pleasure to invite your Parliament to the Regional Seminar entitled: *How incorporating the Sustainable Development Goals into parliaments' work can help solve challenges at the grassroots while stimulating inclusive growth, contributing to peace and stability and mitigating climate changes' effects*. The seminar, to be held in Djibouti, from 5 to 7 December 2022, is being jointly organized by the National Assembly of Djibouti and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). This meeting will follow up on the conclusions of the previous seminar hosted by the Parliament of Uganda (2017) as well as the IPU's virtual SDG event organized for the region in 2020.

Africa has made progress in various SDG areas such as, for example, Goal 10 (Reduced Inequality), Goal 2 (Zero Hunger), Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-Being), Goal 4 (Quality Education) and Goal 6 (Clean water and Sanitation). Nevertheless, it is necessary to urgently redouble actions so that progress can continue at a pace that would enable Africa to achieve all SDGs by 2030. Natural and human-caused disasters (climate change and conflicts, forced migration, food insecurity, water scarcity, increasing energy prices, inflation and the socio-economic impact of COVID 19) are hampering, and even challenging, the development achieved so far.

In recognition of the crucial role parliaments play in implementing the SDGs, the Regional Seminar will provide reliable and up-to-date information to serve as a basis for the work of parliamentarians and parliamentary staff in this domain. Thanks to the participation of regional and international experts, including from the United Nations and other relevant stakeholders, participants will have the opportunity to discuss developmental challenges as well as possible solutions to address them in a comprehensive and sustainable way. The exchange of experiences and practices will provide excellent opportunities to enhance parliamentary cooperation and dialogue in support of sustainable development. It is essential for parliaments to join forces, boost political commitment and identify tangible ways to effectively mainstream the SDGs into parliaments' work. Through their core parliamentary functions (law-making, budgeting, oversight, and representation) they can help solve current and structural problems while contributing to the realization of the SDGs where no one is left behind.

We would highly appreciate that your Parliament be represented at this seminar. Parliaments are encouraged to send delegations of up to four members, accompanied by their parliamentary staff. The

delegates must be directly involved in the topics of the seminar. Delegations should be inclusive of different political affiliations and be made up of an equal number of men and women.

The working languages of the seminar are English, French, and Arabic. The National Assembly of Djibouti will welcome each delegation, including visa upon arrival and local transport. As usual, participants are asked to make their own arrangements for accommodation and international travel.

We are pleased to enclose the general information note and registration forms. You are kindly requested to complete and return the registration form to the National Assembly of Djibouti with a copy to the IPU Secretariat by 20 November 2022 at the latest. The programme of the seminar will be sent out in due course to the participants. More detailed information about the Regional Seminar will be posted on www.ipu.org as it becomes available.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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