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Dear Madam Speaker,  
Dear Mr. Speaker,

It is our great pleasure to invite your Parliament to the Regional Seminar on *Pursuing climate action and sustainable development: The role of parliaments in enhancing policy coherence*. This event, to be held in San José, Costa Rica, from 9 to 11 August 2023, is being jointly organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica.

The climate crisis poses an existential threat to all humankind. Latin America and the Caribbean is one of the world's most at-risk regions. Urgent action is needed to minimize the most catastrophic impacts of climate change. Recognizing the critical role that parliaments play in climate action, the IPU and the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica will convene parliamentarians from across the region to exchange best practices, experiences and lessons learned on addressing the climate crisis in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The event will take stock of the achievements made in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development and the Paris Agreement and explore ways to boost progress in pursuit of a climate-resilient and sustainable region. By exploring these key issues, parliaments will be able to play a stronger role in their countries' dialogues on sustainable development and climate change and ensure they are better equipped to raise national ambition ahead of major global events including the 2023 SDG Summit and COP28.

We trust that your Parliament will be represented at the seminar. Parliaments may send delegations of up to three members (four members for bicameral parliaments) including parliamentarians and parliamentary staff who work directly on climate change-related topics. Parliaments are encouraged to send gender-balanced delegations and include parliamentarians who represent different political affiliations. The working languages will be Spanish and English.

We are pleased to enclose the concept note, a general information note and registration form. The registration form should be completed and sent to the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica with a copy to the IPU Secretariat by 20 July 2023. The programme for the event will be sent out in due course. Further information about the Regional Seminar will be posted on [www.ipu.org](http://www.ipu.org) as it becomes available.

We look forward to welcoming you to San Jose.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Chungong  
IPU Secretary General

Rodrigo Arias Sánchez  
President of the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica