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Office of the **Secretary General**

Dear Mr./Madam Speaker,

I am pleased to invite your parliament to the Interregional Seminar on Parliamentary Capacity Building and the Further Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. The Seminar will take place in Beijing, China, from 12 to 14 June 2019. It is being organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and China's National People's Congress.

The Seminar will discuss how cooperation among developing countries can enhance implementation of the SDGs and their targets and further advance their development. The Seminar will allow the participants to proactively engage with the SDGs, share their experiences, good practices as well as lessons learned to effectively advance SDGs implementation without leaving anyone behind.

The IPU will be pleased to cover the cost of flight on the basis of an economy class ticket for a delegation of up to three members. Delegations should be either composed of three parliamentarians or two parliamentarians and one parliamentary staff. The National People's Congress will cover expenses for hotel rooms, local transportation and meals for all participants from 11 to 19 June.

I am pleased to attach to this letter a draft agenda and a registration form for the Seminar.

I very much hope that your parliament will be able to send a delegation to this important seminar and field trip. For practical purposes, I would appreciate it if you could confirm your participation by 31 May 2019.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Chungong Secretary General