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Dear Madam Speaker,
Dear Mr. Speaker,

It is our honour and pleasure to extend an invitation to your Parliament to attend the upcoming second Regional Seminar on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals for the IPU's Twelve Plus Geopolitical Group which will be held on 5 and 6 June 2019 in Lisbon, Portugal. The seminar is one in a series of IPU's regional seminars organized worldwide aimed at promoting SDGs implementation. It is organized jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Assembly of the Republic of Portugal and is open to all parliaments from the IPU's Twelve Plus Geopolitical Group.

Building on the conclusions of the first seminar in this series—held in Israel in November 2018, the seminar will aim to further define the opportunities and challenges facing parliaments of the Twelve Plus Geopolitical Group in implementing the SDGs. Special emphasis will be placed on heightening understanding about how parliaments can institutionalize the SDGs, promote convergence between the 2030 Agenda and national action plans and build coherence around the SDGs at the policy level. The seminar also aims to enable an exchange of ideas and facilitate mutual learning on meeting the SDGs, with an eye on sharing good practices and lessons learned.

The seminar will focus on two Sustainable Development Goals: SDG-3—Good Health and Well-being and SDG-9—Industry, innovation and infrastructures. Panel I of the Seminar will be dedicated to SDG-9 and will focus on innovation as a force for change. Panel II will be dedicated to SDG-3 and will focus on the theme of health and social welfare. In addition to discussions with the relevant experts, visits to centers of excellence in the areas of innovation and health are also planned.

The working languages of the seminar will be English, French and Portuguese. We ask that, as customary, participants make their own arrangements for travel and accommodations.

The registration form is attached to this invitation. The organizers will share the logistical information, draft programme and the concept note in the coming days, as soon as they are made available. All seminar documents will be posted on the IPU website (<https://www.ipu.org/events/new-events>).

Looking at the seminar topics and their relevance, it is evident that we must all get involved in defending a sustainable future for humanity. Given your Parliament's active participation in the activities of the IPU, we await your positive response and look forward to welcoming your delegation to Portugal in June.

Yours sincerely,

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