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Secretary General**

Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

The Second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2) will take place from 19 to 21 November 2014 at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Rome, Italy. This high-level Conference will be the first world intergovernmental forum dedicated solely to the global nutrition problems of the twenty-first century. More information about ICN2 is available on its website at: www.fao.org/about/meetings/icn2/en/.

Notwithstanding the progress made in many countries, unacceptably high levels of malnutrition persist. More than a third of the world's population is adversely affected by malnutrition, in the form of hunger, "hidden hunger" (micronutrient deficiencies) and the diet-related non-communicable diseases often associated with obesity. Malnutrition in developed and developing countries alike impedes the full realization of human potential and imposes avoidable burdens on families and societies.

The aim of ICN2 is to put nutrition high on international and national development agendas. By collectively addressing the multiple burdens of malnutrition, the Conference will endeavor to ensure more effective international cooperation to deal with these challenges. The ultimate objective is to reach consensus on a global nutrition framework that will strengthen the commitment of countries to eliminate global hunger and prevent all forms of malnutrition.

I am pleased to invite members of your parliament who will be in Rome for ICN2 to take part in the Parliamentary Meeting on the theme *Parliamentarians for better nutrition*, organized by the IPU with the kind sponsorship of the Italian Parliament. The Meeting will take place on 18 November 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in Rome's *Sala della Protomoteca (Campidoglio)*.

I enclose the draft agenda, the concept note drawn up for the Meeting and the registration form. I invite your parliament to complete the registration form and return it to the IPU Secretariat by 8 November 2014.

Please note that the Parliamentary Meeting will take place before ICN2 and that registration will not grant access to the Conference itself. In order to attend ICN2, each delegate will have to register at <http://www.fao.org/about/meetings/icn2/information/registration/en/> where participants will also find helpful information about accommodation and visa requirements. Such logistical matters remain the sole responsibility of participants.

I sincerely hope that your parliament will be represented at the Parliamentary Meeting, preferably by parliamentarians directly involved in food security and nutrition issues. The IPU looks forward to welcoming them at the Parliamentary Meeting in Rome.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Chungong
Secretary General

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