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Dear Madam Speaker,
Dear Mr. Speaker,

The twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, commonly known as COP24, will take place from 3 to 14 December 2018 in Katowice, Poland. Poland will hold the Presidency of the Climate Convention for the third time. The session will be an event of global importance. It will have the important task of working out and adopting a package of decisions ensuring the full implementation of the Paris Agreement.

The IPU and the Sejm of the Republic of Poland will jointly organize a Parliamentary Meeting on the occasion of COP 24. It will be a follow-up to the Parliamentary Meeting at COP23 held in Bonn, Germany, in November 2017.

The Parliamentary Meeting at COP24 will take place on 9 December 2018 in Krakow. We are pleased to attach the draft programme, practical information note and the registration form. These and other relevant documents will also soon be available on the IPU website. Interpretation during the meeting will be provided in English, French, Spanish and Polish.

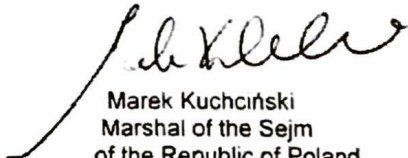
The Meeting in Krakow will provide parliamentarians with an opportunity to obtain first-hand information on the main issues and orientations of COP24, interact with experts and negotiators directly involved in the UNFCCC decision-making process, gain better knowledge of the recommendations included in the IPU's brochure entitled *Parliamentary action plan on climate change* and discuss ways of ensuring implementation of the Paris Agreement. To be credible, effective and legally enforceable, the Paris Agreement must be transposed into national legislation and robust oversight of government performance must be ensured. This puts parliaments at the heart of the response to climate change.

As on past occasions, the Meeting in Krakow is open to all parliamentarians but we encourage interested parliamentarians to contact their country's relevant ministry in order to examine the possibility of joining their respective national delegations to COP24. This is by far the easiest way to ensure that their transportation, visa, and accommodation needs are dealt with in a centralized way. The IPU and the Sejm of the Republic of Poland are unfortunately not in a position to facilitate accreditation to the UN Climate Change Conference or assist with any logistical arrangements.

We hope that members of your parliament will take part in the forthcoming COP24 session and that they will also attend the Parliamentary Meeting on 9 December.

Yours sincerely,


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