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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

We are pleased to send you the publication on the Results of the 140th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and Related Meetings, held in Doha (Qatar) from 6 to 10 April 2019.

The Doha Assembly was very successful, both in terms of participation and the quality of deliberations. Over the course of the Assembly, some 1,500 delegates - including over 70 Speakers of Parliament - from close to 160 countries and a variety of partner organizations, addressed a number of topical issues. In addition to the official sessions of the IPU statutory bodies, the Assembly featured several special events: a very productive Speakers' Dialogue (first of its kind) which focused on rethinking our governance models, workshops on energy poverty, on child and maternal health, and on parliamentary action to counter terrorism and violent extremism, as well as a Knowledge Fair on Education.

Our key objective is to tackle issues that have a direct impact on the lives of our citizens, and to mobilize parliamentary action for positive change. As we have underscored on multiple occasions, we aim to put people at the center of everything the IPU does. We are also paying special attention to the political empowerment of women and youth participation, and we continue to encourage all Member Parliaments to step up efforts in this area, including in terms of greater inclusivity when it comes of the composition of national delegations to our Assemblies.

The attached publication contains a summary of the work carried out by the various IPU bodies, as well as the resolutions, decisions and other outcome documents adopted during a very vibrant and substantive Assembly in Doha. These include:

- The Doha Declaration on *Parliaments as platforms to enhance education for peace, security and the rule of law* (outcome of the General Debate);
- Resolutions on:
 - *Non-admissibility of using mercenaries and foreign fighters as a means of undermining peace, international security and the territorial integrity of States, and violating human rights,*
 - *The role of fair and free trade and investment in achieving the SDGs, especially regarding economic equality, sustainable infrastructure, industrialization and innovation, and*
 - *Call for urgent international action to support Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe hit by Cyclone Idai;*
- Presidential Statements on parliamentary diplomacy and respectively on the situation of the Golan Heights;
- Decisions on the human rights of parliamentarians in several countries.

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We very much hope that the main decisions and recommendations that emerged from the Assembly will be useful for your work in Parliament. We therefore kindly request that these be circulated within your Parliament so that it may, as statutorily required, consider the measures for their implementation, through a variety of parliamentary initiatives or as inspiration for comprehensive legislation.

We look forward to hearing from you on follow-up.

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Gabriela Cuevas Barron in black ink.

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of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

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