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of all IPU Groups

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of parliament

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Dear Madam President,  
Dear Mr. President,

The Global Parliamentary Report is a flagship IPU-UNDP publication that contributes to realizing the vision of better parliaments and stronger democracies. The report offers findings and recommendations based on parliamentary experiences and good practice. More than 150 parliaments have contributed to the report to date, giving it a unique global perspective and considerable authority.

The themes of the report are chosen through consultative processes that take into account the priorities of parliaments and other stakeholders. The first edition, published in 2012, focused on "[The changing nature of parliamentary representation](#)". The second edition in 2017, entitled "[Parliamentary oversight: Parliament's power to hold government to account](#)", shone the spotlight on another of parliament's critical functions. This inclusive approach has been very valuable for the quality of the report, and I wish to continue in the same vein for the third edition.

Accordingly, I am seeking the views of parliaments and other stakeholders on potential themes for the third Global Parliamentary Report, scheduled for publication in 2021. We wish to select a theme that is highly relevant for parliaments and could lead to actionable recommendations to strengthen parliaments.

The consultation is open to all interested parties, with a particular focus on members and staff of parliaments. A longlist of seven potential themes for the third edition is annexed to this letter. I would be grateful if you could encourage your Parliament to participate actively in this consultation. Participants are invited to express their preferences via the [online form](#) by 20 September 2019 (the online form available at: <https://www.surveygizmo.eu/s3/90162259/Consultation-GPR-theme>).

The results of the consultation will be presented at a joint IPU-ASGP session on 17 October 2019 during the 141<sup>st</sup> IPU Assembly in Belgrade, entitled "Parliament in a changing world: Preliminary consultation on the 2021 Global Parliamentary Report". The session will allow for in-depth discussion of shortlisted themes, and an exchange of opinions on how the report should be framed.

The theme of the report will be decided before the end of this year. I will then write again to seek a contribution from your Parliament to the research, to ensure that the report reflects the experience of all parliaments.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary General