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Dear Mr President,

From 25 to 29 November 2019, the government of the Federal Republic of Germany will host the United Nations XIV. Internet Governance Forum (IGF) under the overarching theme of “One World. One Net. One Vision.” Over 3,000 participants from around the world are expected to attend this event in Berlin.

The IGF steering committee has this year set itself the goal of strengthening the parliamentary aspect of global internet governance within the framework of the most important meeting on the future of the internet. The aim is to discuss shared solutions to urgent digital technology issues, including in particular the significance of **cross-border data governance, online security** and integration of groups at risk of being marginalised in the digital world (**e-inclusion**).

Together with the Chairman of the Bundestag’s Committee on the Digital Agenda, Mr Jimmy Schulz, I wish to extend a warm invitation to you and to members of parliament from your country to actively join the discussion and to take part in the Internet Governance Forum 2019 in Berlin.

In particular, we would like to draw your attention to the first parliamentary meeting during the IGF, to which representatives of legislatures from all over the world are invited. This will be held on

Friday, 29 November 2019
from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
at the Estrel Convention Center,
Sonnenallee 225, 12057 Berlin.

We ask you to please forward this invitation to committees and parliamentarians working on digital and internet policy matters, as we would be delighted to welcome parliamentary representatives from your country in order to together lay the foundations

for a long-ranging discussion on the questions that will shape the future of our increasingly digitalised world.

The Head of the Internet Governance and International Digital-Dialogue Division (VI A5), Dr Rudolf Gridl, (Tel.: + 49 (0)3018 615-57 60, email: buero-via5@bmwi.bund.de) is happy to answer any question you may have.

Further details about the Internet Governance Forum, including registration information, can be found on the official website: www.intgovforum.org/multilingual/content/igf-2019.

Yours sincerely,

Sgd. Dr Wolfgang Schäuble,
President of the German Bundestag

Sgd. Jimmy Schulz,
Chairman of the Committee on the Digital Agenda