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> Hon. Henrik Dam Kristensen Speaker of Parliament Denmark

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Honourable Henrik Dam Kristensen,

On behalf of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF, it is my pleasure to invite you to the **2020 Global Parliamentary Conference from 13 to 14 April 2020 in Washington D.C.**, jointly organised with the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund. The theme of this year's conference is "Delivering for Development and Prosperity in the next Decade - what role for Parliamentarians?"

With the year 2030 just ten years away, the next Global Parliamentary Conference will examine how our actions today will enable us to achieve targets such as the World Bank's twin goals of ending extreme poverty and boosting shared prosperity, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in time. Progress has been made in critical areas, such as a decline in extreme poverty, a decrease in infant mortality, and access to electricity for the majority of the world's populations. However, much remains to be accomplished as climate change continues exacerbating vulnerabilities to natural disasters; fragility, conflict and violence hinder our efforts to end extreme poverty; and social and economic disparities within countries are on the rise. The sessions will highlight concrete strategies Parliamentarians can implement today to achieve our development and prosperity targets over the next decade.

The International Secretariat of the Parliamentary Network will prepare the event programme and send it to you in due time. **The deadline for confirmations is 28 February 2020.** I invite you to confirm your attendance by clicking on the following link (http://www.cvent.com/d/4hqyq0?lang=en) and filling out the online registration form. If your unable to attend the event we would be very glad to welcome your representative. Please note that travel and accommodation costs are the responsibility of the participant. For further information, please contact givanova@parlnet.org.

I look forward to seeing you in Washington D.C.

With my very best wishes,

The Rt Hon Liam Byrne MP, UK Chair of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank and IMF

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