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Dear Madam President,  
Dear Mr. President,

We are very pleased to inform you that the negotiation of this year's General Assembly resolution on *interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the IPU* has come to fruition with the enclosed draft text.

We are very grateful to the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations for taking the lead in the negotiation and to the twenty-three countries that have joined as first sponsors of this resolution whose formal adoption by the General Assembly is expected in the first part of September. Through close collaboration with the President of the IPU, the Permanent Mission of Mexico has ensured that this resolution reflects the importance of our Organization in global affairs and acknowledges the pivotal role of national parliaments in multilateral affairs.

A similar resolution was last adopted by the General Assembly two years ago with ninety-one sponsorships. As the total number of sponsors underscores the political weight of such resolutions, we hope that many more countries will join the provisional list of sponsors that is indicated at the top of the enclosed document. To this effect, may we ask you to contact your foreign minister or your country's Permanent Representative at the United Nations in New York to ensure their support. There is time until the day of formal adoption for more countries to join the list of sponsors.

While much of this year's text reiterates points already agreed in past resolutions, there are also several new points worth noticing, including one on the need for parliaments and governments to coordinate their response to COVID-19 in cooperation with the United Nations, and another point to acknowledge the outcome of the just-concluded 5<sup>th</sup> World Conference of Speakers of Parliament as a contribution to the UN75 Summit on 21 September.

Important new language was also added to highlight women and youth and the critical work of parliaments and the IPU in eliminating barriers to their advancement in all spheres of life, including in politics.

At this time of crisis, diplomats at the United Nations were challenged in unprecedented ways to come together and negotiate this resolution through virtual meetings and extensive consultations with capitals. The resolution will further consolidate the strategic partnership between the IPU and the United Nations as a key step toward a more inclusive multilateral system to respond more effectively to the many global challenges of our time.

Yours sincerely,

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President

Martin Chungong  
Secretary General