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Dear Honourable,

On behalf of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF, it is my pleasure to invite you to the **2020 Virtual Global Parliamentary Forum from 12 to 15 October**, jointly organised with the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund. The theme of this year's forum is **"Achieving a Green and Inclusive Recovery Post COVID-19"**.

Parliaments have been at the forefront of this unprecedent global challenge, being called upon to pass exceptional laws, supplementary budgets and grant special powers to their governments to cope with this major disaster, while considering how to deal with the current development challenges of their countries during and after the pandemic.

During the Forum, parliamentarians will have the opportunity to share experiences and best practices with senior management and experts from the World Bank Group & IMF, notably IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva and World Bank Group President David Malpass, on how to address the complex and unprecedented socioeconomic challenges facing their constituencies and the world, and how to work together in building back better. The four virtual sessions spanned over 4 days will provide a platform to discuss public policies to achieve a green and inclusive recovery post COVID-19, putting a special emphasis on the environment, private and investment sector reform, and female political leadership for boosting gender equality through a special session with Women Speakers of Parliament.

A draft agenda is enclosed. Details on how to connect will follow. Sessions will be held in English, French, and Spanish. Kindly confirm your presence by filling out the following registration form (<u>https://form.jotform.com/PNOWB/2020-global-parliamentary-forum</u>). The deadline for registrations is the 2nd October 2020. For additional information, please contact <u>jpo1@parlnet.org</u> or <u>parliamentarians@worldbank.org</u>.

I look forward to seeing you virtually in October for engaging discussions leading to meaningful action!

With my very best wishes,

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