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Dear Mr/Madam Speaker,

We are pleased to inform you that the IPU and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) have recently released a joint publication entitled '*Green approaches to COVID-19 recovery: Policy note for parliamentarians*'. This publication is currently available in English, French and Russian. All language versions can be found attached to this letter and are available at:

<https://www.ipu.org/resources/publications/other/2020-12/green-approaches-covid-19-recovery-policy-note-parliamentarians> and <https://www.unep.org/resources/report/green-approaches-covid-19-recovery-policy-note-parliamentarians>.

We kindly request that you share this policy note with interested parliamentarians and parliamentary staff that may benefit from its insights.

This policy note highlights key approaches that parliamentarians can take to promote a sustainable and green recovery in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, and shares corresponding best practices at the national and regional levels. We encourage parliaments to promote their examples of best practices in this area through the IPU and UNEP to further foster the sharing of lessons learned. These examples can be sent to press@ipu.org.

This policy note forms part of a larger cooperation between the IPU and UNEP who have a Memorandum of Understanding which enables our two organizations to better support parliaments in promoting sustainable development and climate change action, including by ensuring COVID-19 responses are aligned with environmental and development objectives.

As part of this cooperation, the IPU and UNEP are inviting Expressions of Interest from parliaments who would like to receive technical support in their efforts to promote a green recovery to the pandemic, in line with the key action areas of our joint policy note. This assistance would be provided to a selected number of parliaments and would aim to build their capacity to formulate and review legislation and budgets and provide effective oversight in a manner that supports a more resilient, sustainable recovery. Examples of support activities may include, but are not limited to, national and/or regional workshops and global knowledge-sharing events.

If your parliament is interested in benefiting from this assistance, please inform us through postbox@ipu.org by 16 April 2021.

Yours sincerely,

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To Speakers of Parliament