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2021 Virtual Global Parliamentary Forum at the World Bank Group & IMF Annual Meetings, 6-8 & 11 October 2021

Dear Honourable,

On behalf of the Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & IMF, it is my pleasure to invite you to the **2021 Virtual Global Parliamentary Forum from 6 to 8 and 11 October**, jointly organised with the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund. The theme of this year's forum is "Building back stronger, fairer and greener".

As the world continues to battle COVID-19, the risks of aftershocks that plunge millions into poverty also continue to grow and exacerbate inequalities. The global community has moved quickly to confront the COVID catastrophe. Nevertheless, the numbers of those living in extreme poverty rose for the first time this century by around 100 million more people.

During the Forum, parliamentarians will have the opportunity to share experiences and best practices with senior management experts from the World Bank Group & IMF, notably IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva and World Bank Group President David Malpass on how to build back better stronger, fairer and greener. Legislators will also be able to hear from IFI's representatives on the institutions' most recent efforts to accelerate recovery, such as the IMF \$650 billion in Special Drawing Rights allocation and the early IDA20 replenishment. Spanned over four days, several virtual sessions will provide a platform to discuss public policies with a special emphasis on global health priorities, the environment, and the role of the private sector in building back better and more inclusively.

The International Secretariat of the Parliamentary Network will provide you with the event programme and connection details in due time. Kindly confirm your presence by filling out the following registration form (https://form.jotform.com/PNOWB/2021GPF). The deadline for registrations is Friday, 1 October. For additional information, please contact jpo1@parlnet.org or parliamentarians@worldbank.org.

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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