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General Assembly resolution on Interaction between the United Nations, National Parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union

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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr, President,

The General Assembly of the United Nations is preparing to adopt a new resolution on interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union in the first part of June (date to be announced in the coming weeks).

While not legally binding, this resolution provides strong political recognition of the vision that sees a clear role for parliaments and the IPU in the multilateral system that is governed by the United Nations.

As per past practice, a draft of the resolution will be introduced for negotiation by the Permanent Mission of the country holding the IPU presidency (Portugal). A first round of informal consultations with member States is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 28 April.

As shown in the enclosed document, the draft resolution builds on the agreed language of Res. 74/304 of September 2020. Some language is streamlined and simplified to avoid repetition and better highlight key issues or processes. At the same time, new language is introduced to further ingrain the IPU and parliaments in key UN processes and to expand the range of issues in which the IPU and parliaments will be encouraged to engage with.

This year's interaction resolution comes in the context of the follow up to the UN Secretary-General's report on Our Common Agenda, i.e., the 12-point plan of action that governments agreed to at the UN75 Summit in September 2020. The UN Secretary-General's report called, inter alia, for more input from parliaments with regard to UN processes.

I would like to encourage your parliament to review this text closely and to share any feedback you may have with your country's Permanent Mission to the UN in New York. It would also be most useful if you could ask your Foreign Ministry and Permanent Mission in New York to join the list of sponsors of the resolution so that once again we can count on a strong show of support for the IPU and parliaments from the UN General Assembly.

I thank you for your kind consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Chungong
Secretary General