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To: Speakers and
Presidents of Parliaments

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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

I am pleased to take this opportunity to provide an update on preparations for the 149th IPU Assembly (Geneva, 13-17 October 2024), which is now three months away.

As you will have noticed, the agenda of the Assembly includes the adoption of **amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules**. The Working Group which was constituted to examine this matter has prepared a first set of proposed amendments which were endorsed by the IPU Executive Committee at its meeting on 19 June 2024.

I am pleased to share the Report of the Working Group, together with the proposed amendments which have been endorsed by the Executive Committee.

As per the IPU Statutes and Rules, any sub-amendments to these proposed amendments need to be submitted in writing to the IPU Secretariat as follows:

- for sub-amendments to the Statutes: at least six weeks before the meeting of the Assembly, i.e. **by 2 September 2024**;
- for sub-amendments to the Rules of the Assembly: at least one month before the meeting of the Assembly, i.e. **by 14 September 2024**;
- for sub-amendments to the Rules of the Governing Council and the Rules of the Standing Committees: at least one month before the meeting of the Assembly, i.e. **by 14 September 2024**;
- for sub-amendments to the Rules of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians: at least one month before the next session of the Forum and the Governing Council, i.e. **by 13 September 2024**;
- the Rules and working modalities of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians currently do not provide any deadlines for the adoption of amendments to its Rules.

The Executive Committee has agreed that the Working Group pursue its deliberations on other possible amendments relating to further strengthening gender parity at the IPU, the management of the emergency item and election of the IPU Vice-President.

I am also pleased to inform you that consultations are underway with a view to defining the overall theme of the General Debate at the 149th IPU Assembly which we expect will be connected to this year's priority theme of peace and security. The concept note and other related Assembly documents will be posted on the [dedicated webpage](#) in the coming weeks.

On 20 March and 25 April 2024, we circulated to Member Parliaments for feedback the draft [IPU Charter on the Ethics of Science and Technology](#), which has been prepared by the IPU Working Group on Science and Technology, and which is expected to be adopted in October. We would be grateful to receive your input and suggestions by **7 September 2024**.

I look forward to welcoming you to Geneva in October.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Chungong
Secretary General