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Dear Madam Speaker,
Dear Mr. Speaker,

The IPU, together with the Milli Majlis of the Republic of Azerbaijan, organized the Parliamentary Meeting on the occasion of the 29th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP29) in Baku, Azerbaijan, on 16–17 November 2024. The meeting brought together over 300 parliamentarians from 60 countries in the COP29 Green Zone to discuss critical issues and chart a parliamentary response to the climate crisis.

Over the course of two days, parliamentarians engaged in discussions on key topics, including enhancing Nationally Determined Contributions, scaling-up climate finance and strengthening resilience and adaptation efforts. The agenda also covered critical issues such as the role of technology in advancing climate solutions, safeguarding health and food security in the face of climate impacts, and addressing the growing challenge of climate-induced migration and displacement.

The meeting concluded with the adoption of an [outcome document](#) outlining a roadmap for parliamentary action post-COP29, urging parliaments to advance climate goals through stronger legislation, financing, renewable energy transition, adaptation, and support for vulnerable groups, while fostering international cooperation, transparency, and cross-sector collaboration ahead of COP30.

Parliaments play a key role in tackling climate change. They can help implement the New Collective Quantified Goal on climate finance agreed during COP29, which aims to provide \$300 billion annually by 2035 for mitigation, adaptation and renewable energy, especially in developing countries. Parliaments can align their national budgets with this goal, ensure funds are used transparently and promote innovative financing. They can also strengthen accountability for climate finance commitments by advocating for domestic fulfilment and applying international pressure to ensure financial needs are met.

In addition to climate finance, a key area of focus at COP29 was the Nationally Determined Contributions that every party to the Paris Agreement must submit to the UNFCCC early in 2025. NDCs are at the core of climate action, serving as each country's roadmap for reducing emissions and adapting to climate impacts. Parliaments will have a crucial role in overseeing these contributions, and with this in mind I would like to draw your attention to two resources for parliaments on NDCs. I encourage you to share these resources within your Parliament, including with committees working on climate and environment-related issues, as they can inspire a more ambitious and targeted response to the new NDCs.

- [10 actions for stronger national climate commitments](#) offers a practical framework for overseeing and enhancing NDCs, focusing on broad strategies to strengthen parliamentary engagement in climate action.
- The [Parliamentary oversight of national climate commitments](#) toolkit builds on the 10 actions by providing targeted guidance on key components of NDCs – mitigation, adaptation, and finance – based on the findings of the global stocktake and the ongoing NDC submission cycle.

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The IPU is inviting expressions of interest from parliaments who would like to receive technical support on climate change, including in relation to NDCs, or other national priorities related to climate action such as legislation or oversight. This assistance would be provided by the IPU and our technical partners to a selected number of parliaments with the aim of building national capacity to address climate change in line with national priorities. If your Parliament would like to benefit from this support, please send a request to postbox@ipu.org.

The IPU also encourages parliaments to regularly share the actions they are taking to address the climate crisis, including by enhancing and overseeing the implementation of NDCs. Such examples can inspire other parliaments to take similar action and can also be sent to the email address above.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Martin Chungong', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Martin Chungong
Secretary General