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Dear Madam Speaker,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to the Summit of Women Speakers of Parliament. It will be held at the Emirates Palace in Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates) on 12 and 13 December 2016.

The Summit is the 11th edition of the Meeting of Women Speakers of Parliament. As such, it opens a new decade of gatherings of women in the highest parliamentary decision-making positions. It provides opportunities to exchange views and to network with major leaders across different sectors and disciplines. It also offers an exclusive opportunity to shape the parliamentary agenda on the basis of rapidly emerging political, economic, environmental and social changes that affect global security, prosperity and sustainability, and that require a united global governance response.

The Summit's theme is "United for Shaping the Future". It will focus on the role that women Speakers can play in uniting parliamentarians around national and political interests to deliver sustainable prosperity and security in a rapidly changing world for present and future generations. The Summit will address key questions on the evolving role of parliament, including how parliaments can work with the other branches of government, with the private sector and the wider community. That work often covers a wide variety of domains, from the economic, humanitarian and social to the political, scientific and technological. We trust that the Summit of Women Speakers of Parliament will offer the opportunity to decide on much needed collective and individual action.

At its core, the Summit maintains the special spirit of the traditional Annual Meeting of Women Speakers of Parliament, now in its 11th year. At the same time, it has also expanded to include input from women and men leaders from a range of backgrounds and sectors throughout government, business and wider society.

The Federal National Council of the United Arab Emirates will be pleased to cover accommodation costs of all women Speakers and two members of their parliament plus two additional members of their delegation (all at the discretion of the Speakers).

We sincerely hope you will be able to participate in this important event. We would be grateful if we could receive your completed registration form as well as those of your accompanying delegates by 1st October 2016 at the latest. Please send them to postbox@ipu.org.

We will send you the draft agenda of the Summit as well as other relevant documents as soon as possible.

We look forward to welcoming you to the United Arab Emirates.

Yours sincerely,

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