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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

I have pleasure in inviting your parliament to attend the 2012 joint IPU-ASGP conference. It is being organised in partnership with the IFLA section on Parliamentary Libraries and Research Services and the Global Centre for ICT in Parliament. It will take place in Quebec City (Canada) on 26 October, in conjunction with the 127th IPU Assembly.

The theme of the Conference is *Parliamentary representation and communication, and the role of social media*. It will allow a dialogue between parliamentarians, Secretaries General, and parliamentary staff about their capacity to use social media to communicate with citizens. As well as sharing lessons learnt and good practices, participants will be able to practice using social media, and interact with parliaments that are taking the lead in this area.

Participants will review and amend a draft set of guidelines/key questions that aim to provide practical advice to parliaments in using these new tools. The draft will be sent to all parliaments in advance of the conference.

The provisional agenda for the Conference is enclosed, as well as a background note and a registration form. All documents are also posted on the IPU web site: <http://www.ipu.org/splz-e/asgp12.htm>.

I very much hope that your parliament will participate in this event and look forward to receiving the names of your delegates in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Anders B. Johansson
Secretary General