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PARLIAMENTARY MEETING ON THE OCCASION OF THE UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

Marrakech (Morocco), 13 November 2016

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and the Parliament of Morocco*



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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

A few weeks ago, the IPU Secretary General sent you an advance information letter announcing the holding of a Parliamentary Meeting in conjunction with the session of the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP22/CMP12), taking place in Marrakech (Morocco), in November 2016.

We are pleased to invite your Parliament to send a delegation to the Parliamentary Meeting, which will take place on 13 November at Palmeraie Palace Conference Centre in Marrakech. Organized jointly by the IPU and the Parliament of Morocco, the Meeting will be the only official parliamentary event held in conjunction with COP22/CMP12. A practical information note and a registration form are enclosed. Regular information updates, including a detailed programme of the Meeting, will be posted on the IPU website (<http://www.ipu.org/splz-e/cop22.htm>).

The particular importance of the COP22/CMP12 session in Marrakech stems from the fact that it will be the first global high-level meeting to focus on practical implementation of the Paris Agreement – the new vitally important global deal on climate change, concluded in December 2015 under the auspices of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). For the Agreement to come into force, at least 55 Parties to the Convention, accounting in total for at least an estimated 55 per cent of the total global greenhouse gas emissions, should deposit their instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession. Clearly, parliaments play a key role in this process.

The Meeting in Marrakech will provide parliamentarians with an opportunity to obtain first-hand information on the main issues and orientations of COP22/CMP12, interact with government negotiators directly involved in the UNFCCC decision-making process, gain better knowledge of the recommendations included in the IPU's Parliamentary Action Plan on Climate Change and discuss ways of ensuring speedy operationalization of the Paris Agreement.

To ensure the success of the Meeting, it is of paramount importance to ensure that each parliament nominate MPs who are directly involved in activities dealing with environmental protection and climate change. At the COP22/CMP12 session taking place from 7 to 18 November, they will have ample opportunities to work with their national delegations on the days other than 13 November. This is why it is recommended, whenever possible, that delegates to the Parliamentary Meeting travel to Marrakech as members of their official national delegations to the UN Conference. They will then have the possibility of attending not only official UNFCCC events, but also various parallel events and activities taking place at the venue of COP22/CMP12, access to which will be limited to persons registered for the UN Conference.

We hope that you and members of your parliament will take part in the forthcoming COP22/CMP12 session and will also attend the Parliamentary Meeting on 13 November.

Yours sincerely,

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