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Dear Madam Speaker,
Dear Mr. Speaker,

The twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention on Climate Change, commonly known as COP 23, will take place from 6 to 17 November 2017 in Bonn, Germany, under the presidency of Fiji. The session will be an event of global importance; the second one on the long road to practical implementation of the Paris Agreement concluded in December 2015.

We are pleased to announce that the IPU, the German Parliament and the Parliament of Fiji will jointly organize a Parliamentary Meeting on the occasion of COP 23 in Bonn. It will be a follow-up to the highly successful Parliamentary Meeting held in Marrakech, Morocco, in November 2016, and the adoption of the Parliamentary Action Plan on Climate Change (<http://www.ipu.org/english/surveys.htm#climat16>).

The Parliamentary Meeting at COP 23 will take place on 12 November 2017 on the premises of the University of Bonn. We are pleased to attach the draft programme and the registration form. These and other relevant documents will also soon be available on the IPU website. The languages of the meeting will be English and French.

The Meeting in Bonn will be held with a view to providing parliamentarians with an opportunity to obtain first-hand information on the main issues and orientations of COP 23, interact with experts and 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 implementation of the Paris Agreement.

As on past occasions, the Meeting in Bonn is intended for parliamentarians who will attend the UNFCCC session as members of official national delegations. This is by far the easiest way to ensure that their transportation, visa, and accommodation needs are dealt with in a centralized way. More importantly, they will be automatically accredited to the UN Climate Change Conference and receive ID badges allowing them unrestricted access to COP 23 venues.

We therefore urge you to contact your country's relevant ministry without delay. The IPU, the German Parliament and the Parliament of Fiji are unfortunately not in a position to facilitate accreditation to the UN Climate Change Conference or assist with any logistical arrangements.

We hope that members of your parliament will take part in the forthcoming COP 23 session and will also attend the Parliamentary Meeting on 12 November.

Yours sincerely,

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