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Seminar for the Pacific parliaments organized jointly by the Parliament of Fiji and the Inter-Parliamentary Union, in collaboration with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

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Dear Mr. Speaker,

The Parliament of Fiji and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) are pleased to invite your Parliament to take part in the above-mentioned Seminar. We are also pleased to announce that the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) are official partners in this initiative.

The event in Fiji is part of a series of regional IPU seminars designed to inform parliaments of Agenda 2030, which encompasses the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Consisting of 17 goals and 169 targets, the SDGs commit every UN Member State to take the necessary action to address people's social, economic and cultural needs while protecting the environment.

The regional Seminar is premised on the idea that parliaments have a critical contribution to make - through the adoption of legislation and the national budget and oversight of government action - to ensure the full implementation of the SDGs in way that is respectful of human rights.

We sincerely hope that your parliament will be represented at the Seminar by a delegation of a maximum of five parliamentarians and parliamentary staff. In keeping with usual IPU practice, each delegation should include both female and male members of parliament and reflect the political spectrum represented in parliament. It would also be preferable if the designated members of your delegation were directly involved in human rights issues in your parliament.

The working language of the Seminar will be English.

We wish to draw your attention to the fact that, in keeping with usual IPU practice, all matters relating to visas, hotel reservations and travel must be dealt with by the participants themselves.

Please find attached the provisional programme, practical information note, hotel reservation form and registration form, which are also available online at <http://www.ipu.org/structure/futrmets.htm>

We kindly request that participants complete and return the registration and hotel reservation forms by **4 November 2016** at the latest.

We look forward to your parliament's participation in this important event.

Yours sincerely,

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Union

Hon. Dr. Jiko Luveni
Speaker of the Parliament of Fiji