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High-Level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation

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Dear Madam Speaker,
Dear Mr. Speaker,

The First High-Level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) will take place in Mexico City on 15-16 April 2014 at the Centro Banamex. Ministers and high-level officials, including parliamentarians, from all over the world are expected to attend this event. Given the multi-stakeholder nature of the GPEDC, the High-Level Meeting will also bring together participants from international organizations, civil society, foundations and the private sector.

The Meeting will review progress regarding implementation of the commitments made in Busan (2011) and examine how effective development co-operation can be advanced in the context of the post-2015 development agenda. Its ultimate aim is to further propel change at the country level and with the active engagement of all stakeholders. The main sessions of the meeting will focus on taxation and domestic resource mobilization for development, South-South and triangular cooperation, development cooperation with middle-income countries, and the role of business as a partner in development.

Invitations to the meeting are being sent to the Government of your country in close coordination with the host country. They will include a clear reference to the need to ensure the participation of at least one Member of Parliament in each delegation. To facilitate the participation of low income countries, limited funding is also being provided. We would very much like to encourage you to approach the head of the executive or one of the relevant ministers with a view to including parliamentarians in your national delegation to the High-Level Meeting.

Parliaments have a crucial role to play in improving the effectiveness of development cooperation, particularly in improving a country's ability to assume full ownership of national development policies and programmes and in exercising oversight of development expenditure. In order to further highlight these important roles and review progress on the commitments already made, the IPU, the Congress of Mexico and AWEPA will also organize a Parliamentary Forum at the High-Level Meeting. A report from this meeting will be made at the opening of the main event.

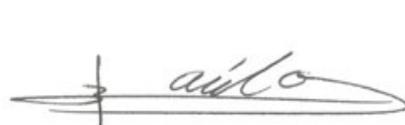
The Parliamentary Forum will take place in the afternoon of 14 April 2014 at the Patio Central, former seat of the Senate, located in Xicotencatl No. 9 Col, Centro Histórico, México, D.F, and will be open to all members of parliament already accredited for the High-Level Meeting. We are pleased to attach to this letter a concept note and draft agenda for the event. Updated information about the Parliamentary Forum will be posted on the IPU web site (www.ipu.org). The programme of the High-Level Meeting will be finalized toward the end of this month and can be found online at <http://effectivecooperation.org/hlm2014/>.

We very much hope that you will take steps to ensure that members of your Parliament are included in your national delegation to the First High-Level Meeting of the Global Partnership and that they will wish to join us at the Parliamentary Forum on 14 April.

Yours sincerely,



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