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To: Presidents of IPU Groups

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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

We are pleased to invite your Parliament to the Fourth IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians to be held in Ottawa, Canada, on 17 and 18 November 2017. The theme of the Conference will be *A place for everyone: Young Parliamentarians as drivers of inclusion*. It is being jointly organised by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the Parliament of Canada.

Our planet is more interconnected than ever before. Although this rapidly evolving landscape has created new opportunities, increasingly shifting political, economic and social realities have also brought new challenges to ensuring that no one is left behind, especially for young people.

The Ottawa Conference will engage young parliamentarians on challenges and strategies to drive greater inclusion. It will address three main issues: youth political participation, migration and social integration, and inclusive growth. The Conference will be an opportunity for young parliamentarians to help bridge social and economic divides and to rally people around a common vision of a future inclusive of all.

We are pleased to invite you to send a delegation of up to four young parliamentarians (age limit of 45 years) to attend the Conference. In the interest of a balanced range of views, we encourage you to send a gender-balanced delegation. We strongly encourage you to include the youngest members of your Parliament in the delegation.

Certain sessions in the programme will be dedicated to sharing action-oriented good practices. Participants are therefore encouraged to bring their own specific proposals and experiences on how young parliamentarians contribute to building more inclusive societies, economies and democracies.

We enclose an information note and a registration form for the Conference. A preliminary agenda will be sent to you in due course. We would be grateful if you could register to the Conference online by sending your completed registration forms to postbox@ipu.org by 29 September 2017.

We look forward to hearing from you and to the pleasure of welcoming the young parliamentarians to Ottawa.

Yours sincerely,

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