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Dear Madam President,

We are pleased to invite you to the 12<sup>th</sup> Summit of Women Speakers of Parliament that will take place in Santa Cruz, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, on 6 and 7 December 2017.

The Summit's theme is "Women Speakers: Working so every voice counts". It will focus on inclusive societies and political decision-making, with particular emphasis on stemming violence against women in politics.

The Summit will discuss and identify collective and individual action needed to foster inclusive societies that are stable, safe and just for all and that enable all people to participate in social, economic, cultural and political life on the basis of equality, equity and dignity. It will also offer an opportunity to shape strategies to put an end to the violence that women face in the political arena and that hinders their participation in political decision-making.

While the Summit is intended for all women Speakers and presiding officers of national parliaments, women and men leaders from a range of backgrounds and sectors throughout government, civil society, media, academia and the private sector are being invited as observers, to share their views and experiences.

We sincerely hope you will be able to participate in this important event. We would be grateful if we could receive your completed registration form as well as those of your accompanying delegates on [postbox@ipu.org](mailto:postbox@ipu.org) by 15 November 2017 at the latest.

We will send you the draft agenda of the Summit in the near future. Other relevant documents of the Summit are enclosed and can be found on the IPU [website](#).

We look forward to welcoming you to the Plurinational State of Bolivia.

Yours sincerely,

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of the Plurinational State of Bolivia

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