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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

We are pleased to invite your Parliament to the IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians in Tokyo on *Democracy, peace and prosperity*. The Conference is being jointly organized by the IPU and the National Diet of Japan. It will be held at the First Members' Office Building of the House of Representatives in Tokyo on 27 and 28 May 2015.

The IPU and its Member Parliaments have been supporting youth participation in politics since 2010 through initiatives such as the adoption of a resolution on youth participation in the democratic process and the establishment of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians. In 2014, the IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians on *Taking democracy to task* gathered more than 200 participants from around the world who devised robust measures to engage youth on democracy.

The upcoming IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians in Tokyo aims to build on this success by addressing the obstacles to youth participation and self-realisation in a peaceful, safe and youth-friendly socio-economic environment through the democratic process. The theme of the Conference will be *Democracy, peace and prosperity*.

In many parts of the world, young people are disproportionately affected by unemployment, the low quality of education, poor access to health and violence and conflict. At the same time, youth, including young parliamentarians, are also at the forefront of political and civil activism relating to socio-economic equity, access to health, sustainable development and conflict resolution.

Prosperous, peaceful, inclusive and safe societies require the participation and engagement of young people. The IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians in Tokyo will be a powerful platform for strengthening links between young politicians and devising new and creative solutions.

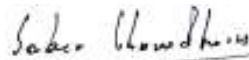
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We are pleased to invite you to send a delegation of up to four young MPs, below 45 years old, to attend the IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians in Tokyo. In order to benefit from a balanced range of views, we would ask you to consider designating a gender-balanced delegation including the youngest members of your Parliament.

We are pleased to enclose a provisional programme for the Conference, as well as a practical information note and the registration form. We would be grateful if you could complete and send the registration forms to postbox@ipu.org by 27 April 2015.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,



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