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Speakers and Presidents of Parliament

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Dear Madam Speaker,
Dear Mr Speaker,

We are pleased to invite members of your Parliament to a parliamentary meeting that will be held on the margins of the Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly. This meeting is jointly organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

The World Health Assembly, which will take place from 19 to 27 May 2025, in Geneva, Switzerland, is the supreme decision-making body for WHO and is attended by delegations from its 194 Member States to agree on health goals and strategies to guide the Organization's work and national public health policies towards better health and well-being for all.

Parliaments play a critical role in translating the decisions made at the World Health Assembly into action at the national level. However, parliamentarians are often underrepresented in delegations to the Health Assembly. To address this issue, and as part of their long-standing partnership, IPU and WHO have been working to enhance parliamentary engagement and raise the profile of parliaments at the Health Assembly. With this regard, IPU and WHO have committed to be organizing this global parliamentary gathering in the context of the Health Assembly starting in May 2025.

The parliamentary meeting will be open to parliamentarians attending the Health Assembly as part of their national delegations and will be hosted at the Palais des Nations in Geneva on Wednesday, 21 May 2025 at 12.30-13.50. The meeting will focus on key issues and decisions on the Health Assembly agenda, aiming to identify how parliaments can support follow-up actions and implementation. Participants will also have the opportunity to engage with health experts and explore ways to strengthen cooperation with relevant health actors.

Members States attending the Health Assembly are encouraged to include parliamentarians in their delegations. We count on your support to reach out to your respective ministries to ensure that members of your Parliament are included in your country's delegation and can take part in the parliamentary meeting. Accreditation for the Health Assembly will need to go through your ministry, as IPU and WHO will not be able to assist with logistical arrangements such as obtaining entry visas to Switzerland, accommodation or transportation.

Further information and registration details for the parliamentary meeting will be available on the IPU website at "<https://www.ipu.org/events/current-and-future-events>". Relevant documents will be made available on the IPU website.

We look forward to the participation of members of your Parliament at the upcoming parliamentary meeting during the Health Assembly in Geneva.

Yours sincerely,



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