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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 the Parliamentary Dialogue that will be held on Wednesday, 20 May 2026, on the margins of the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly, taking place from 18 to 23 May 2026 in Geneva, Switzerland. The World Health Assembly is the World Health Organization's main decision-making body, where countries come together each year to set global health priorities and policies. The Parliamentary Dialogue is jointly organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

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. As a result of these efforts, a Parliamentary Dialogue was inaugurated in 2025 as an annual platform for parliamentarians to engage directly at the Health Assembly and discuss key global health priorities with relevant health stakeholders.

The Parliamentary Dialogue 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. 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.

Member States attending the Health Assembly are encouraged to include parliamentarians in their delegations. We count on your support to reach out to the relevant ministry to ensure that members of your Parliament are included in your country's delegation and can take part in the Parliamentary Dialogue. IPU and WHO will not be able to assist with accreditation and with logistical arrangements.

Further information, and relevant documents for the Parliamentary Dialogue will be made available on IPU website at <https://www.ipu.org/events/current-and-future-events>.

We look forward to the participation of members of your Parliament in the upcoming Parliamentary Dialogue during the Health Assembly in Geneva.

Yours faithfully,



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