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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to inform you that the Summary Records of the 128th IPU Assembly held in Quito, Ecuador, from 22 to 27 March have now been finalized. They are available on the IPU website at http://www.ipu.org/conf-e/128agnd.htm.

One of the main outcomes from the Quito Assembly was the decision by the Governing Council to endorse a set of proposals to modify the format of IPU Assemblies, improve the functioning of the Standing Committees and their Bureaux, and place the Committee on United Nations Affairs on an equal footing with the Standing Committees. The IPU Secretariat has been tasked with drafting corresponding amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules.

I enclose a copy of this document, which you can also access on the IPU website at http://www.ipu.org/conf-e/129agnd.htm. As indicated therein, the amendments will be considered and hopefully adopted at the 129th IPU Assembly in Geneva, scheduled to be held from 7 to 9 October. In that way, the decisions taken in Quito can be implemented as of 2014.

I also wish to refer to the annual reporting exercise by IPU Member Parliaments. Experience has demonstrated that the response rate has been far from satisfactory. In order to address this situation, the IPU Standing Committees have expressed an interest in playing a more proactive role in monitoring follow-up of IPU resolutions and other decisions.

A joint meeting of the Standing Committee Bureaux will be held on the occasion of the forthcoming Assembly in Geneva to consider this and other issues. In order to prepare for this important meeting, we would kindly invite you to respond to a brief Questionnaire on Members' participation in the IPU and follow-up of resolutions. We would be grateful if you could submit your responses to the IPU Secretariat by 15 August 2013 at the latest.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary General