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Interregional seminar on parliamentary capacity-building and the further implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals

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**Office of the
Secretary General**

Dear Mr./Madam Speaker,

I am pleased to invite your parliament to the interregional seminar on parliamentary capacity-building and the further implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The seminar is being organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the National People's Congress of China, and will take place in Beijing from 20 to 22 September 2016. It will be followed by a field trip in China, organized by the National People's Congress, to familiarize parliamentarians with the Chinese development model. The field trip will last from 23–30 September.

The seminar will discuss how parliaments can effectively engage in policymaking to facilitate the implementation of the SDGs, and share successful experiences from their own countries. Special emphasis will be placed on the issue of green development, innovative economy, interregional development collaboration and South-South cooperation. The seminar will allow participants to proactively engage on these issues. They will be able to elaborate concrete strategies, actions and recommendations to advance parliamentary engagement on the SDGs.

The seminar is intended for Members of Parliament and parliamentary staff from Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Kenya, Pakistan, Rwanda and Zambia. The IPU will be pleased to cover the cost of economy-class travel for a delegation of up to three Members of Parliament and one staff member. The National People's Congress will cover the hotel, local transport and meal costs in China throughout the stay, including for those staying until 30 September.

I attach a draft agenda, seminar registration form and some general information.

We very much hope that your parliament will be able to send a delegation to this important seminar and field trip. We would be grateful if you could confirm your participation by 15 August 2016.

Yours sincerely,

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IPU Secretary General