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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 Lusaka, Zambia. The topic of the conference will be *Agenda 2030: Youth leading the way, leaving no one behind*. The Conference is being jointly organized by the IPU and the National Assembly of Zambia and will be held at the Mulungushi International Conference Centre in Lusaka on 16 and 17 March 2016. The Conference is to take place just before the 134th IPU Assembly (19-23 March 2016, Lusaka).

The year 2015 has been seminal: the international community made tremendous strides in planning for the future when it negotiated and adopted the Sustainable Development Goals, the Sendai agreements on disaster risk reduction, and the COP21 Paris Agreement on climate change.

Needless to say, young people have a huge stake in these efforts. When the post-2015 development agenda is completed in 2030, it is today's youth and future generations who will face the consequences of its success or failure. Despite the strong headway made with the new development agenda, special attention should be given to groups at risk of being left out. As representatives of the people, and as political decision-makers with legislative and oversight powers, young parliamentarians are uniquely placed to lead the way to ensure that development commitments become a reality for all.

The 2016 IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians will support young parliamentarians as they play a lead role in implementing the development agenda fairly, equitably and sustainably. The Conference will also provide opportunities for participants to showcase concrete ideas and initiatives. It will serve as a rallying call for young parliamentarians to unite and take ownership of their future.

We are pleased to invite you to send a delegation of up to four of your youngest MPs (age limit of 45 years) to attend the IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians in Lusaka. In order to benefit from a balanced range of views, we encourage you to send a gender-balanced delegation. We also encourage you to include the youngest members of your parliament in the delegation.

With certain sessions in the programme dedicated to the sharing of action-oriented good practices, participants are encouraged to bring their own specific proposals and experiences about how young parliamentarians can take the lead on Agenda 2030.

Please find enclosed a preliminary agenda, a practical information note and a registration form. We would be grateful if you could send your completed registration forms to postbox@ipu.org by 16 February 2016.

We look forward to hearing from you soon and to welcoming the young parliamentarians to Lusaka.

Yours sincerely,

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Saber Chowdhury
President
Inter-Parliamentary Union

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Patrick Matibini
President
National Assembly of Zambia