To: Presidents of all IPU Groups

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Dear Sir/Madam,

From **28 November to 2 December 2022**, the Government of Ethiopia will host the United Nations 17th Internet Governance Forum (IGF 2022) under the overarching theme *Resilient Internet for a Shared Sustainable and Common Future*. Participants from around the world are expected to take part in this event in Addis Ababa and online.

The IGF brings together different stakeholder groups (governments, international organizations, private companies, technical and academic communities, and civil society), and some of the most prominent individuals in the global Internet governance dialogue will take part in this event. The detailed programme of IGF 2022, including its high-level and parliamentary components together with related information, will be made available soon at the following websites: http://igf2022.et and https://intgovforum.org. The event will be held in a hybrid format allowing on-site and online participation.

In recent years, the IGF has sought to strengthen the parliamentary dimension of the discussions on some of the most pressing issues related to the use, evolution and governance of the Internet and related digital technologies. Participants in the 2019, 2020, and 2021 parliamentary events recommended, among other issues, that national parliaments cooperate and exchange good practices on dealing with digital policy issues, and strengthen their engagement in international processes.

We wish to invite you and the Members of Parliament from your country to actively join the discussion and to take part in IGF 2022. In particular, we would like to draw your attention to the **parliamentary track, taking place on 30 November and 1 December 2022 on the theme *Addressing cyberthreats: National, regional and international approaches***. The track will include a series of sessions in which parliamentarians from around the world will engage in dialogue and exchanges of experiences between themselves and with representatives of key entities in the digital policy space. The main points emerging from these discussions will form the basis for the output document from the parliamentary track at IGF 2022. A concept note with more information on the parliamentary track is attached.

We kindly ask you to bring this invitation to the attention of relevant parliamentary committees and those parliamentarians who work on digital affairs and Internet policy issues. We would be delighted to welcome parliamentary representatives from your country, in order

to jointly lay the foundations for a productive discussion on the role of legislation and multistakeholder cooperation in addressing cyberthreats and cybercrime, and building cybersecurity capabilities at national, regional and continental levels.

In addition to the parliamentary track, parliamentarians are invited to take part in all discussions and events at the IGF. The practical information note contains details on how to register for IGF 2022.

We look forward to welcoming members of your Parliament to the IGF 2022 parliamentary track and the overall IGF meeting.

For any information about IGF 2022 or the parliamentary track, please contact Ms. Sorina Teleanu, at sorina.teleanu@un.org.

Yours sincerely,

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