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Dear Madam President,

Dear Mr. President,

From 15 to 19 December 2024, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will host the United Nations 19th Internet Governance Forum (IGF 2024) under the overarching theme ***Building our Multistakeholder Digital Future***. The IGF brings together different stakeholder groups to facilitate the discussion of public digital policy issues, such as artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, data governance and digital cooperation.

Parliamentarians are key stakeholders in the IGF community. In recent years, the Parliamentary Track at the IGF has provided an important platform for parliamentarians to exchange views on digital policy issues and to interact with experts, including from the private sector, civil society, technical community and government.

We are therefore pleased to invite your parliament to participate in IGF 2024 and in particular the Parliamentary Track that takes place from 16 to 18 December 2024. Participants would ideally be members of relevant parliamentary committees and parliamentarians who work on digital affairs and Internet policy issues.

We believe that IGF 2024 will be a significant moment for follow-up to the Global Digital Compact adopted at the UN Summit of the Future in September 2024. Parliaments, through their legislative and oversight functions, will have a central role in advancing the objectives of this major international agreement on our digital future. We also encourage your Parliament to actively engage in the IGF's multistakeholder activities at the regional and national levels.

The [IGF website](#) provides more information about IGF 2024 and all information about the Parliamentary Track will be published on a dedicated [web page](#). The attached Parliamentary Track programme and practical information note contain details on the set of activities and on how to register for IGF 2024. The note also explains the procedure and criteria for obtaining funding for participation for a limited number of members of parliaments from the Global South.

To: Presidents of all IPU Groups



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We look forward to welcoming members of your Parliament to IGF 2024 and its Parliamentary Track.

Ms. Celine Bal at the IGF Secretariat (Celine.Bal@un.org) will be pleased to provide any other information about IGF 2024 or the Parliamentary Track.

Yours sincerely,

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