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Dear Madam President, Dear Mr. President,

From 23 to 27 June 2025, Norway will host the United Nations 20th Internet Governance Forum (IGF 2025) in Lillestrøm under the overarching theme *Building Digital Governance Together*. As the largest and primary platform for discussion of Internet governance issues, the IGF brings together representatives from all stakeholder groups to facilitate exchanges on public digital policies, such as on emerging technologies and innovation, including 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 share 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 2025 and in particular the Parliamentary Track that takes place from 23 to 24 June 2025. Participants would ideally be members of relevant parliamentary committees and parliamentarians who work on digital affairs and Internet policy issues.

IGF 2025 comes at a particularly significant moment. It follows the adoption of the Global Digital Compact in September 2024 and precedes a review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS+20 Review). These events will contribute to shaping the course of digital cooperation for years to come, including cooperation among parliaments and the role of IGF itself.

The <u>IGF website</u> provides more information about IGF 2025. All information about the Parliamentary Track, including the programme as well as a special event organized by Storting, the Norwegian Parliament, will be published on a dedicated <u>web page</u>. The attached practical information note contains details on how to register for the IGF 2025. The note also explains the procedure and criteria to obtain funding for participation for a limited number of members of parliaments from the Global South.

To: Presidents of all IPU Groups







We look forward to welcoming members of your Parliament to IGF 2025 and its Parliamentary Track. We also encourage your Parliament to actively engage in multistakeholder activities at the National and Regional IGF Initiatives throughout the year.

Please contact Ms. Celine Bal (<u>Celine.Bal@un.org</u>) at the IGF Secretariat for additional information.

Yours sincerely,

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