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Dear Secretary General,

I am delighted to confirm that the Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP) will meet in Dhaka (Bangladesh) from Sunday 2 until Wednesday 5 April 2017, in parallel with the 136th session of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). Further details can be found in the enclosed letter from the two joint secretaries.

Please find enclosed the draft agenda for our meetings in Dhaka. A finalised version will be agreed during our first plenary sitting, which will begin at 11am on Sunday 2 April. Our work will take place over four days, including an excursion which is scheduled to take place on the Wednesday.

I hope that you will contribute to the three general debates that have been proposed:

- *Is the role of the secretary general a political one?*
- *Methods for ensuring parliamentary oversight over the quality of legislation*
- *Management innovation in parliaments*

Communications from individual parliaments have been thematically grouped under the headings of *Parliament and society*; *The relationship between procedure and politics*; and *"In the news"*. There is space on the agenda available: if you have a suggestion to make, please contact the joint secretaries as soon as possible. The Executive Committee has expressed itself reluctant to accept any communication proposed less than four weeks before the conference begins, and priority will be given to subjects which are relevant to one of the themes listed above.

Elections will be held during the conference to fill two posts of ordinary member of the Executive Committee. I remind you of the wish of the Executive Committee that candidates should be active members of the Association, and of the need to ensure adequate representation of women, and francophone members, and of the various regions of the globe.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Dhaka. With all good wishes.

Doris K. Mwinga
President of the ASGP