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Dear Secretary General, Dear Colleague,

First of all, allow me to wish you all a very happy new year for 2018, and to thank you for the confidence you have invested in me by electing me as President of the ASGP.

I'm delighted that I will be working with you at the next meeting of the ASGP in Geneva (Switzerland) from Monday 26 until Wednesday 28 March 2018, in parallel with the 138th 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 Geneva. The agenda may be subject to change. A finalised version will be agreed during our first plenary sitting, which will begin at 11am on Monday 26 March. Our work will take place over three days.

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

- *The relationship between Parliament and Government* (with informal discussion groups)
- *Participation of society in the innovation process in parliaments*
- *Judicial scrutiny over internal parliamentary affairs*

Written contributions are welcome in advance, although you may speak without having submitted.

Communications from individual parliaments have been thematically grouped under the headings of *In the news; Parliament and Government; Developments in procedure and practice; Parliament and society* and *Privilege*. Communications on these and other subjects remain welcome until 26 February 2018.

Elections will be held during the conference to fill one post of Vice-President, and 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 language groups, and of the various regions of the globe.

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

**Philippe SCHWAB**  
President of the ASGP