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Dear Secretary General, and dear colleagues,

May I take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for this New Year! To get the year off to a good start, I now have the pleasure of inviting you to the next meeting of the ASGP.

The Association will meet in Doha (Qatar) from Sunday 7th April to Wednesday 10th April 2019, in parallel with the 140th session of the Interparliamentary Union (IPU). Our work will take place over four days, including a day-long excursion on Sunday 7th April. A joint conference with the IPU, on the theme of « Innovation in Parliament », will be held on the last half-day of our session.

Please find attached a draft agenda for our meeting. This is of course subject to change; the final agenda will be agreed during our first plenary session, which will start at 11.00am on Monday 8th April.

I hope you will participate actively in the three general debates we propose for this session:

- Information and Documentation services in Parliaments : A comparative study
- Evaluating Parliamentary Activity
- How do we make better laws?

The agenda also includes individual communications, grouped under the following themes: Interparliamentary co-operation; Lawmaking; and, Officials and Parliamentarians: Expectations and protections.

You are still very welcome to propose communications, either related to these themes or on new subjects, up until 8th March 2019.

Finally, I can announce that elections will take place during the course of this session for one member of the Executive Committee. I should remind you that the Executive Committee has expressed a wish for candidates for the post to be active members of the Association, and that the Committee must also ensure that women are adequately represented and that our Committee is linguistically and geographically diverse.

For all the practical details of the session, please refer to the letter from the co-secretaries.

I look forward very much to seeing you in Doha.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PS' followed by a stylized flourish.

Philippe SCHWAB
ASGP President