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Dear Madam,
Dear Sir,

About two years ago, the Common Principles for Support to Parliaments were adopted by the 131st IPU Assembly. Consisting of ten principles that are fundamental for effective support to parliamentary development, they have since received the endorsement of over one hundred parliaments and partner organizations.

As the number of endorsements continues to grow, user-friendly tools to facilitate the application of the Common Principles are increasingly needed. To this end, I am pleased to invite your parliament to take part in the first in a series of expert roundtables on specific elements of the Common Principles.

This inaugural roundtable will focus on **Common Principle 3: Parliamentary support aims for sustainable outcomes**. Participants will share experiences, lessons learned, and challenges faced in bringing greater sustainability to parliamentary support projects. The roundtable will include a practical discussion on tools to help plan for and measure sustainable outcomes to projects.

The one-day meeting will take place on **28 October 2016**, immediately after the 135th IPU Assembly, at IPU Headquarters in Geneva. It will bring together stakeholders from parliaments and partner organizations who are directly involved in parliamentary support projects. I enclose a concept note and agenda for the roundtable.

I hope that a representative from your parliament with responsibility for parliamentary support projects will be able to join us at this meeting. As space is limited, parliaments are kindly requested to limit their participation to a maximum of two representatives. I would be grateful if your parliament could kindly register for the roundtable by 7 October 2016.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Chungong
Secretary General