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Secretaries General,

Dear colleagues,

Following my recent announcement, I am writing to provide further information concerning the exceptional meeting of our association which will take place online, on Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 May 2021, between 10am and 1pm (Geneva time), in parallel with the 142nd Assembly of the IPU. A meeting of the Executive Committee, reserved for its members, will also take place on Tuesday 25 May, between 10am and 12pm.

This digital reunion will also enable us to address several subjects relative to the life of our association: welcoming new members, the programming of future elections and the possibility of reforming the rules of our association in the future.

Due to the unusual format of this meeting, the decision has been taken to replicate the exceptional provision of languages put in place on February last. Interpretation will be provided in English, Arabic, Spanish and French.

Considering the success of the ASGP-IPU virtual meeting on 25 February, and the impact that the Covid-19 crisis continues to have on our parliamentary institutions, this meeting will be dedicated to the general theme of 'the role and organisation of Parliaments in a time of pandemic'.

You have the opportunity to register to present a brief speech, limited to 3 minutes, on a specific aspect of the management of the crises by your Parliament. When registering, you will be asked to specify the theme on which your presentation will be centred, this will enable the secretariat to construct a coherent programme by grouping speeches around similar subjects. To facilitate a dynamic series of interactive debates, delivery of pre-planned

speeches will be broken up by periods of open debate. In total, there are 48 places on the speaking list. Places on the speaking list will be attributed to members on the basis of 'first come, first served'. To secure a place on the speaking list, please return a completed application form to the secretariat as soon as possible.

For further practical details regarding the session, I invite you to read the letter from the co-secretaries. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Elektra Garvie-Adams who has replaced, as co-secretary, Rhiannon Hollis, who has left the House of Commons of the UK Parliament.

I very much look forward to seeing you all, albeit virtually, in May.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Schwab', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Philippe SCHWAB
Président de l'ASGP