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Secretaries General,
Dear colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that I write to confirm that our Association will finally meet again, in person, after two years apart. The Association will meet in Madrid, Spain from Friday 26 November to Monday 29 November 2021, in parallel with the 143rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. Furthermore, a joint conference with the IPU, entitled 'Public engagement in the work of parliaments: challenges, opportunities and good practices' will be held on Monday 29 November, from 3pm to 5pm.

In order to make this event possible, despite the ongoing nature of the pandemic, public health measures have been put in place by the organisers and must be respected by all participants. The first rule is social distancing, which has a direct consequence on the number of people the ASGP will be authorised to bring together in the conference room, we cannot exceed 80 people maximum. Consequently, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that, if we reach maximum capacity, only official members of the ASGP will be admitted, one representative per chamber.

Please find attached to this email the draft orders of the day for our meetings. The programme remains subject to change: the definitive orders of the day will be adopted during our first full plenary meeting, which will begin at 11am on Saturday 27 November. I invite you to participate actively in the following general debate: "The relevance of parliamentary committees to law making". Communications, relating to the conference themes of digital parliament, current affairs and parliamentary personnel, or on another subject of your choice, are also welcome. Please submit communications before 8 November 2021.

Finally, I can also announce that several elections will be organised during this session in order to fill the posts of President of the Association, one Vice-President of the Association and several posts as ordinary members of the Executive Committee. Members who are unable to attend the Madrid session in person, due to travel restrictions, will be allowed to stand as candidates for the vacant posts, following a process which will be set out in more detail in a subsequent note.

For all the practical details regarding the session, I invite you to take time to review the Co-Secretaries letter. I look forward to reuniting with you all in Madrid.

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Président de l'ASGP