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Secretary-General



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His Excellency,
Mr. Martin Chongung,
Secretary General of the Inter-parliamentary Union
Geneva-Switzerland

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

On the occasion of (30 June) celebrated every year as International Day of Parliamentarism, I would like to congratulate you and your colleagues at the IPU Secretariat for the untiring efforts made by the IPU Secretariat under your noble management and that of your predecessors to give a meaningful effect to this special day in commemoration of the corresponding day in 1889 when the IPU was founded.

In fact, this day is a jubilant occasion to mark a wonderfully inspiring and progressive system of governance and a reminder to better understand parliamentary form of leadership, thanks to the UNGA for its tactful decision instituting this occasion on the memorial day of 30 June to convey a message of appreciation to the founders of the IPU for their dedicated efforts, while underlining the role of a responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision- making system to the people at all levels.

I am also delighted to seize this welcome occasion to sincerely appreciate you for this innovative and insightful initiative you undertook to pave the grounds for the UN to establish this day as an international day for parliaments. No doubt introduction of this important day will serve as a milestone in support of promoting the central role of parliaments in international arena and their huge potential status in strengthening parliamentary democracy across the world.

Wishing you further success in your noble task.

Best Regards
Mohammad Reza Majidi