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Mexico City, 22 May 2017.

Mr. Martin Chungong
Secretary General
Inter-Parliamentary Union

Dear Mr. Chungong:

Regarding the upcoming election of the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), which will take place between the 14th and the 18th of October of 2017, in Saint Petersburg, Russia, and in the name of the Mexican Senate and Chamber of Deputies, we are pleased to jointly and formally announce the nomination of Mexican Senator Gabriela CUEVAS BARRON to occupy the position of President of the IPU, in accordance to the provisions contained in IPU Statute Article 19, as well as the principle of geographical rotation. On this occasion, Latin America and the Caribbean is the corresponding region for occupying this position.

The candidacy of Senator CUEVAS BARRON represents an opportunity for Mexico to occupy the Presidency of the IPU for the first time, as well as promote the election of a woman for this important position, which has only occurred once during its 128 years of existence. We are convinced that the Presidency of the IPU will benefit from Senator CUEVAS BARRON's extensive experience. She has been elected for five legislative periods at the federal and local levels, understands the challenges of legislative work, and has been a relentless promoter of parliamentary diplomacy, as well as the linkage between the Mexican Congress and the IPU, particularly during her current position as President of the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee.

It is important to keep in mind that Senator CUEVAS BARRON's candidacy is a State nomination; since, in addition to having the support of both Chambers of the Mexican Congress, it is backed by the Mexican Government. In sum, this candidacy confirms the vocation of Mexico's global vision for multilateralism, as well as the conviction of the Mexican Congress with Parliamentary diplomacy and the strengthening of friendly relations among Parliaments as central actors of a representative democracy, the protection of human rights, the promotion of peace and international security, and the actions destined in order to implement the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Mexico is an influential global player and one of Latin America's leaders, due to its economic power as well as its geographic location, meaning, additionally, that it belongs to multiple converging spaces with the rest of the world. In the Mexican Congress, we believe that Senator Gabriela CUEVAS BARRON's candidacy to the IPU

Presidency represents an opportunity to continue strengthening the organization's role in dealing with global challenges, promoting Parliamentary diplomacy, and deepening the participation of women and young people in the construction of democracy at a global scale.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

Pablo Escudero Morales
President of the Mexican Senate

María Guadalupe Murgía Gutiérrez
President of the Chamber of Deputies