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Dear Mr. President,

I wish to refer to your letter dated 23 March 2022 addressed to the President of the IPU, whereby the Parlamento del Mercosur (PARLASUR) requested Associate Member status in the IPU. We would like to thank you for your interest and look forward to further strengthening cooperation between our two organizations, particularly as it was relatively recently, in October 2019, that PARLASUR obtained IPU permanent observer status. I will be pleased to bring your request to the attention of the governing bodies.

I would like to inform you that the IPU governing bodies are currently in the process of examining the situation of IPU observers and their contribution to the work of the organization. We are preparing an assessment in this regard, and expect a number of decisions to be taken in the context of the forthcoming IPU Assembly in October. We very much hope that it will be possible for you to attend this important event – you will have received the Convocation and related documents, which are also available on the IPU website at <https://www.ipu.org/event/145th-assembly-and-related-meetings>.

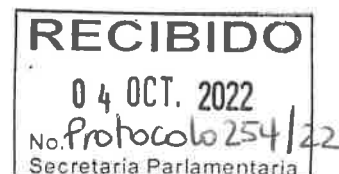
According to the IPU Statutes and Rules, Associate Members are required to make an annual assessed contribution to the IPU, based on their membership. In the case of PARLASUR, with a membership of four national parliaments (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay), its annual contribution as an Associate Member would be 0.060% of the IPU regular budget, amounting to CHF 6,600.

I am looking forward to the confirmation of your application based on the above understanding.

I would like to thank you again for your renewed interest in the IPU.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary General



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