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Secretary General**

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Dear Madam Speaker,
Dear Mr. Speaker,

Ending malnutrition in all its forms is essential for building healthy, sustainable and prosperous societies and for achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. Every country is struggling with one or multiple forms of malnutrition which has a negative impact on peoples' health and the social and economic development of countries.

Accelerating action to improve nutrition and transform food systems to be healthy and sustainable is possible. For this to happen, political understanding and will, increased resources and a coordinated approach are essential. I am aware that many parliaments are at the forefront of these efforts. At the recent 2019 SUN Movement Global Gathering, I was pleased to sign, along with parliamentarians from 20 countries, a [parliamentarian pledge](#) to take action to advance nutrition.

The year 2020 presents an important opportunity in this respect, as the Japanese Government will host the [Nutrition for Growth Summit](#) – a kickoff event at the margins of the Olympic Games in July and the N4G Summit in December 2020. The Summit is a critical opportunity to secure new policy and financial commitments from governments and other stakeholders, and to use the political momentum for nutrition as a catalyst for achieving the SDGs. Parliamentarians can play an important role in advocating for ambitious national commitments and for holding government to account for delivering these after the Summit.

As a member of [the Scaling Up Nutrition \(SUN\) Movement](#) Lead Group, and to help advance the IPU commitment to advancing sustainable development, I encourage you to take action to make nutrition a political priority in your country in order to help accelerate progress towards the SDGs.

In 2020, I urge you to:

- Host a parliamentary debate on nutrition
- Focus on increased investment in nutrition
- Make people's nutrition a cross-cutting parliamentary priority.

I invite you to work toward the actions outlined above and I am pleased to attach a guidance note from the SUN Movement that may assist you in taking forward these nutrition actions in your country.

I also invite you to let us know of any parliamentary actions taken on nutrition and look forward to receiving information on your initiatives and engagement. In this regard, the IPU and the SUN Movement Secretariat will be pleased to provide support as you consider follow-up action.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Chungong
Secretary General