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Dear members of the 12 Plus Group,

The IPU Secretariat has informed us that during the present Assembly, our Group should fill a vacancy on the Board of the **IPU Forum of Young Parliamentarians**.

The French delegation presents the candidature of Mr Xavier IACOVELLI, Senator.

At 36, Xavier IACOVELLI was one of the youngest senators elected in the 2017 partial renewal and the youngest head of list elected. At the age of 27, he headed the list for the 2008 municipal elections in Suresnes (Hauts-de-Seine). A member of the Senate's Social Affairs Committee since 2020, he is particularly involved in child protection, youth, disability and societal issues.

Convinced of the importance of parliamentary diplomacy, Xavier IACOVELLI has, since his election, been strongly involved in several friendship groups in the Senate as deputy chairman of the France-West Africa group, vice-chairman of the France-Lebanon, France-Central Africa, France-Jordan, France-Algeria groups and member of the France-Israel, France-Gulf countries, France-Italy and France-Yemen groups.

In September 2019, responding to the invitation of "The Global Institute & Alliance for Peace Beyond Borders", he went to the UN headquarters in New York to speak about the prevention of extremism through the development of education and the promotion of a culture of peace.

I fully support the candidacy of Xavier IACOVELLI, and I pledge, as Executive President of the French Group of the IPU, that during his term of office, once elected, he will be a member of all French delegations to the plenary assemblies of the IPU and will benefit from the material means of the French Parliament to enable him to take part in all the meetings of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians and of its Council.

Yours sincerely,

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