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Office of the **President**

Dear Martin,

I am writing this letter to address matters related to a communication by Mr. Abdourahamane Sano, Coordinator of the *Front National pour la Défense de la Constitution* (FNDC) in Guinea, dated 2 June 2020, which was forwarded to me by your office today.

In the communication that you will find enclosed, Mr. Sano states that a letter dated 25 May 2020 was sent by me to Mr. Amadou Damaro Camara, President of Guinea's National Assembly, to take part in the Fifth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament, which will take place in 21 August 2020 in Vienna. Mr. Sano then notes that the FNDC is protesting against such invitation, raising a number of concerns given recent events in Guinea.

I am deeply concerned, as I must note that I have not sent any invitation to Mr. Amadou Damaro Camara to take part in the Fifth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament, nor am I aware of any intent by our Organization to do so. If this invitation does in fact exist, I ask that you send me a copy of that document as soon as possible, as well as an accompanying explanation as to why such a decision was made. In addition, please send me a draft letter in response to Mr. Abdourahamane Sano. Finally, I would also request a briefing note that provides an overview on the ongoing events in Guinea and its parliament, which include examples that show how the IPU has proceeded in cases that are similar to this one.

Best regards,

Gabriela Cuevas Barron
President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union