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Distinguished Forum Participant!

As Chairman and Members of the Steering Committee of the Parliamentary Intelligence-Security Forum (PI-SF), we write to offer an update and our perspective of this strategic mission, led by Congressman Robert Pittenger. To date, PI-SF has hosted 14 fora in Washington, Berlin, Vienna, Riga, Paris, Buenos Aires and Asunción, involving over 1200 Members of Parliament and government officials from 84 countries.

On June 20, 2019, PI-SF hosted a forum in Paris co-hosted with Members of the French National Assembly and Senate. 223 Parliamentarians and government officials from 59 countries attended and were briefed from French, US and other government and industry experts on strategic counter terrorism initiatives. From October 7th to 8th the President of Kenya will host the Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum in Nairobi.

These fora are critical, as they have brought together Parliamentarians from throughout the world for the objective of building better understanding and collaboration on technology capabilities to intercept illicit finance and money laundering, cyber security, intelligence sharing, block chain, adversarial foreign investments, AI, 5G and other relevant issues.

This mission is unique and indispensable as a forum for meaningful dialogue and exchange of best practices and learning from over 130 leading experts over the last seven years. Going forward, our 26 Member international Steering Committee led by Chairman Pittenger has plans for hosting multiple fora in every continent over the next two years. We are currently planning these fora with the Parliamentary leadership of the respective countries, as they would be the inviting hosts. The objective in each forum is to schedule them during Congressional recess periods to enable Members of the House and Senate to also attend and offer their perspectives.

Your considered interest to participate in this international forum will have a consequential impact to equip Parliamentarians to be a supportive asset in this battle. We welcome the opportunity to work with your schedule to enable you to address this forum. American leadership from Congress can have a major impact in building stronger working relationships and collaboration with our colleagues throughout the world.



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The participants at the Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum have impressive job titles and come from, the United States, Europe and South America. We will debate in Washington in carefully calibrated and tightly scheduled panel discussions questions about cyber security, terrorism financing, civil liberties, predatory foreign investment and intelligence collaboration. This is where participants pose the key questions on very significant issues. What is more, the Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum will discuss new challenges like data and technology policy or well-known blind spots such as the conflicts in Africa in the substantial and innovative manner that would benefit their strategic significance.

Above all, the Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum is a place where many decision-makers come together. This allows for the efficient delivery of strategic messages and proposals. It proposes a considerable number of confidential side-meetings and negotiations, which could never take place outside the Forum setting.

We believe in the need for an informed and sustained public debate on security policy broadly defined and thus aims to involve the wider public in its debates. We are very grateful to Congressman Robert Pittenger who is the spiritual father of the Forum and who has the vision to continue its leadership in the future. I am grateful to him, because I know that the Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum has transatlantic and European roots and our activities reflect a globalized world. The Forum strives to increase its geographic diversity and reach to include all relevant stakeholders. It aims at debating the world's most relevant security challenges.

I kindly invite you and hope to see you on October 7th and 8th in Nairobi and on December 12th in Washington at the Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum!

With kind regards and consideration!

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