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## Panel discussion on implementation of the 2014 resolution entitled *Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: The contribution of parliaments*

Tuesday, 15 October 2019 (2.30 – 4.30 p.m.)  
Amphitheatre (ground floor), Building B, Sava Centre

### Concept note

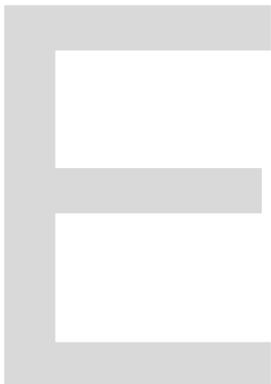
#### Background

In March 2014, the IPU adopted a landmark resolution entitled *Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: The contribution of parliaments*. This resolution affirms the key role of parliaments and parliamentarians in addressing nuclear risks and building the legislative and political framework needed to achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world. In light of the recommendations for parliamentary action put forward by the 2014 IPU resolution, parliaments are invited to provide updates on specific activities they have undertaken pursuant to this resolution, such as adopting legislation, holding committee enquiries, and asking questions of ministers.

In keeping with the recommendations of the resolution which encourages parliamentarians, international organizations and civil society to further deepen cooperation on nuclear issues, this session will gather experts from various organizations to give presentations on their work with parliamentarians. This will be followed by a question and answer session and an open discussion where parliamentarians will be able to put questions to the experts, share experiences on implementing the resolution's provisions, and gain a better understanding of how parliaments can contribute effectively to nuclear disarmament.

#### The session will address the following questions:

- Why is nuclear risk reduction essential in a deteriorated security environment?
- How does nuclear disarmament contribute to sustainable development and peace?
- What are the different components of the nuclear multilateral framework?
- What can members of parliament do to strengthen the nuclear multilateral framework?
- How can members of parliament ensure that nuclear disarmament measures are effectively implemented?
- What institutional and legal tools do members of parliament have at their disposal to engage with their respective governments on issues related to nuclear disarmament?



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**Expected achievement and outcome**

The aim of the panel discussion is to provide Committee members with an opportunity to reflect on the issue of nuclear disarmament, discuss the challenges in implementing nuclear disarmament commitments, and consider actions that parliamentarians can take to promote nuclear disarmament, strengthen the legislative framework dealing with nuclear disarmament and facilitate implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments.

**Format**

The session will be an interactive discussion between parliamentarians and experts. After introductory remarks by the panellists, the floor will be open for an exchange of views, and for questions and answers.