

INTER-PARLIAMNTARY UNION 143RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY THEME OF DEBATE
CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES TO DEMOCRACY: OVERCOMING DIVISION AND
BUILDING COMMUNITY.

CIVIC AND VOTERS EDUCATION IS VERY ESSENTIAL AND PARAMOUNT TO
INFLUENCE AND ENHANCE SOUND DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES AND CHOICES TO BE
MADE.

PARLIAMENT HAS TO ENSURE THAT POLITICAL EDUCATION IS PART AND PARCEL
OF EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM FROM THE EARLY AGE TO ENSURE A WELL INFORMED
GLOBAL GENERATION OF CITIZENS TOMORROW

REAL TIME ACCESS TO CREDIBLE INFORMATION DISMISSES FAKE NEWS AND
FALSE PROPAGANDA.

PARLIAMENT HAS TO ENSURE THAT ENABLING POLICIES AND LAWS TO ACCESS
INFORMATION EXIST TO SAFEGUARD THIS RIGHT

POLITICAL STABILITY IS NOT TO BE REGARDED AS ONE SIDED RESPONSIBILITY OF
DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED LEADERS ONLY, BUT IS A COLLECTIVE DEMOCRATIC
RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PEOPLE.

PARLIAMENTS HAS TO CONTINUALLY BE ADVOCATING THIS TO ENSURE GLOBAL
CITIZEN OWNERSHIP NECESSARY TO CONTROL GLOBAL POLARIZING INFLUENCES

UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS HAVE TO BE SAFEGUARDED SUCH AS THE RIGHT TO
EDUCATION, LIFE, WORK, ASSEMBLY, MOVEMENT, EXPRESSION, EQUAL
PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

PARLIAMENT HAS TO SAFEGUARD THESE TO KEEP PLOLARZING THOUGHTS
AWAY

DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED GOVERNMENT HAS TO ENSURE, CREDIBLE AND
EFFICIENT SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT THAT RESPECT THE RULE OF LAW AND
ENSURES INCLUSIVE DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT PROCESES.

PARLIAMENTS MUST ENSURE AND PROMOTE INCLUSIVI PARTICIPATION TO
CEMENT BUILDING BLOCKS OF OWNERSHIP

PRINCIPLES OF GOOD GOVERNANCE SUCH AS ACCOUNTABILITY AND
TRANSPARENCY HAVE TO BE ALWAYS MAINTAINED FOR STABILITY AND PEACE

THE BIGGEST THREAT TO MODERN DEMOCRACY TODAY ARE CORRUPTION AND BRIBERY WHICH FUELS AND ENHANCES PROCESSES OF POLARIZATION.

UNLESS CONTROLLED AND CONTAIN CAN INFLUENCE PROGRESSIVE POLARIZATION WITHIN THE SOCEITY, LIMITS PARTICIPATION, ENCOURAGES EXCLUSION AND INCREASE PUBLIC FRUSTRATION AND CONFRONTATION.

OUR ROLE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE IS TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE AND TO SENSITIZE PEOPLE ON THE NEED FOR COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY IN SAFEGUARDING DEMOCRACY IN ALL ITS FORM.

DEMOCRACY IS VIEWED AS THE WILL AND CHOICE OF THE PEOPLE FOR A POLITICAL PROGAM AND GOVERNANCE MANDATE.

EDUCATION IS KEY TO FREE THE MINDS OF PEOPLE TO HAVE RIGHT BALANCED THOUGHTS IN MAKING THE RIGHT DECISION AND CHOICES FOR THE WELL BEING OF HIS OR HER COUNTRY AND SELF.

POLITICIANS ACROSS THE BOARD HAS TO HONOUR THEIR OBLIGATIONS, AS THE GUARDIAN OF DEMOCRACY AND THE NATIONAL INTEREST FIRST AND FOREMOST.

THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENT IS TO CREATE THE NECESSARY OVERSIGHT TOOLS TO ENSURE THAT THE PRINCIPLES OF GOOD GOVERNANCE, ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ARE FOLLOWED AND RESPECTED BY GOVERNMENT OF THE DAY.

IPU IS THE GLOBAL PARLIAMENTARY GROUPING THAT HAS COME OF AGE TO DESIGN WORKING TOOLS THAT DERIVE FROM THE VAST POLITICAL DIVERSITY SPECTRUM OF ITS NATURE FOR A COLLECTIVE AND COMMON POSITION TO UPHOLD, PRESERVE AND GUIDE GLOBAL PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATIC TRANSFORMATION.

TAKING NOTE THAT IT IS AND WILL ALWAYS BE DEMOCRATICALLY BE, WE THE PEOPLE BUT NOT I THE PEOPLE, FROM WHICH SO MANY POLITICAL TEND TO BELIEVE AS ACOMFORT ZONE. WE ALL KNOW THE CONSEQUENCES IN CHOOSING THIS PATH.

I THANK YOU