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Standing Committee on  
Sustainable Development,  
Finance and Trade

10 September 2018

**Debate on**  
***The role of fair and free trade and investment in achieving the SDGs,  
especially regarding economic equality, sustainable infrastructure,  
industrialization and innovation***

*Monday, 15 October 2018 (9.00 – 11.30 a.m.)  
Room 2, level 0, CICG*

## **Concept note**

This debate is organized around the theme of the resolution to be adopted by the Committee at the 140<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly.

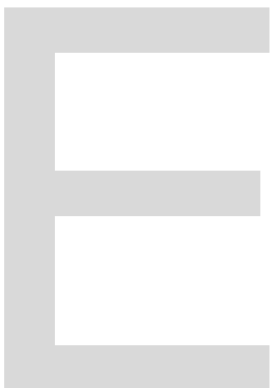
Trade and investment have proved to be a powerful force for growth and development around the world. They played an important role in achieving the Millennium Development Goals in many countries and are set to play an even more important role in meeting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The promotion of investment and trade integration is not an objective of the SDGs, but is considered an important means to reach the goals. A number of debates on how countries can leverage on trade and investment to achieve the SDGs are underway. The IPU resolution aims to offer a parliamentary perspective to these discussions.

The debate in the Standing Committee will allow the co-Rapporteurs to introduce the topic to the Committee and present key issues for consideration and discussion. Following their presentation the Chair will invite the participating delegations to express their views on the subject. The co-Rapporteurs are expected to reflect on this input and submit a draft resolution toward the end of the year.

Chair: Ms. Silvia Dinica, Member of the Standing Committee Bureau

Co-Rapporteurs: Mr. Josh Wilson, MP, Australia  
Mr. Haruna Iddrisu, MP, Ghana  
Ms. Sanda Raskovic Ivic, MP, Serbia



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