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Draft agenda

Wednesday, 28 April 2021 (14:00-16:30 CEST)

- 1. Adoption of the agenda
- 2. Approval of the summary record of the Committee's session held at the 141st IPU Assembly in Belgrade (October 2019)
- 3. Debate on the overall theme of the 142nd Assembly: <u>Overcoming the</u> pandemic and building a better tomorrow: the role of parliaments

Democracies everywhere already faced serious challenges before the COVID-19 pandemic. Those challenges have without doubt multiplied significantly in recent months. As political leaders, parliamentarians have a responsibility to take action to mitigate the effects of the pandemic on democracy and human rights. The interactive debate is an opportunity to exchange experiences on how parliamentarians are approaching the challenges, and to draw out lessons of common interest.

Tuesday, 18 May 2021 (14:00-16:30 CEST)

- 4. The next resolution of the Standing Committee: Legislation worldwide to combat online sexual child exploitation
 - (a) Confirmation of the co-Rapporteurs

The 141st IPU Assembly appointed as co-Rapporteurs:

- Ms. A. Gerkens (Netherlands)
- Ms. J. Oduol (Kenya).

It further decided that a male parliamentarian from Thailand should become the third co-Rapporteur. The Standing Committee will be invited to confirm the appointment of Mr. P. Limjareonrat (Thailand) as co-Rapporteur.

(b) Preparatory debate on the next resolution

The preparatory debate provides an opportunity for all Members to express their opinion on the issues to be included in the resolution. In addition, Members can submit written input to the resolution up to 14 June 2021.

Members' contributions will assist the co-Rapporteurs in drafting the resolution, which will be examined at the 143rd IPU Assembly in November 2021.

5. Elections to the Bureau of the Standing Committee

The Committee will fill the vacancies on the Bureau based on proposals received from the geopolitical groups.

6. Any other business