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## Draft agenda

**Tuesday, 27 April, 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. **Joint session with the IPU Standing Committee on Sustainable Development on the main theme of the 142nd Assembly: [Overcoming the pandemic today and building a better tomorrow: the role of parliaments](#)**

The discussion will also help prepare parliamentarians for the 2021 High Level Political Forum (HLPF) of the United Nations, whose main theme is *Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development*.

After panel presentations, participants will be invited to debate the following topics:

- Main components of the recovery phase, opportunities to advance towards a green economy
- Renewed multilateral cooperation and dialogue to tackle global challenges, including possible new pandemics
- Vaccine accessibility as a public good

**Thursday, 29 April, 14:00 – 16:30 CEST**

4. **Discussion on the UN75 Declaration and follow-up process**

On the occasion of its 75th anniversary, in September 2020, the United Nations held a major Summit to review its role as the premier multilateral organization of global governance. Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, trust in multilateralism was eroding and the world as a whole was struggling to address challenges such as growing inequality and poverty, run-away climate change, biodiversity loss and resource exploitation, and the growing threat of nuclear proliferation and armed conflicts.

The UN75 Declaration highlighted twelve commitments to tackle these challenges within a stronger multilateral framework. Taken together, these commitments constitute what governments have dubbed "Our Common Agenda" to reset global efforts toward a more sustainable, just and peaceful world, with the United Nations leading the way.

This session will engage parliamentarians in a discussion on the UN75's Common Agenda as input into a major report by the UN Secretary-General, due in summer 2021.

5. **Any other business**

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