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## Forum of Young Parliamentarians

Saturday, 27 November 2021, Madrid

14:30 – 18:30

Hall Madrid, 1st floor, Palacio Municipal (IFEMA)

### Agenda

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

**2. Opening session**

The Forum will receive opening remarks from the IPU President, the IPU Secretary General, and the President of the IPU Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians.

**3. Updates on youth participation**

The Forum will take stock of recent developments in global and national youth participation in parliament. The young parliamentarians will reflect on successes and current challenges, draw conclusions and make recommendations.

The President of the Board will give an overview of what the IPU has done since May 2021 to support youth participation and the activities planned for 2022. The floor will then be opened to members of the Forum to discuss both these past and planned future activities. A special focus will be placed on the IPU campaign *I Say Yes to Youth in Parliament!* and new training courses for young MPs.

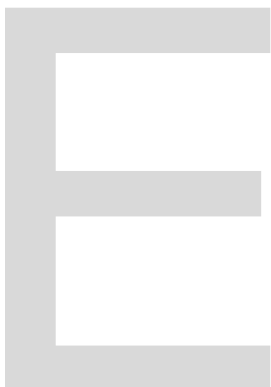
**4. Contribution to the work of the 143rd Assembly**

In line with the objective of the Forum to mainstream youth perspectives in the work and decisions of the Assembly, members of the Forum will exchange views from a youth perspective on:

- The theme of the General Debate of the 143rd Assembly on “*Contemporary challenges to democracy. Overcoming division and building community*”
- The draft resolution under consideration at the 143rd Assembly, entitled *Legislation worldwide to combat online child sexual exploitation and abuse*.

**5. Q&A session on the topic: *Forums of young parliamentarians: A success story?***

An increasing number of parliaments have established forums of young parliamentarians. IPU’s research shows that these exist in about 16 per cent of parliaments, and have often focused on: networking and capacity-building of young parliamentarians; coordination of parliamentary action on youth issues; engagement of parliamentarians of all ages to work on youth-related policies; and on coordination of young MPs with civil society. A number of international and regional inter-parliamentary organizations have also established forums of young



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MPs or plan to do so. Some forums have used the IPU's Forum of Young Parliamentarians as a model to define their own mandate and functioning.

What works and what doesn't work? What are the keys to successful and impactful forums of young MPs? This interactive Q&A session will look into these main questions and take stock of developments in the creation and good functioning of forums of young parliamentarians.

The objective of the Q&A session is to offer a platform for young MPs to tell the story of the forum of young MPs in their parliament. Young parliamentarians are invited to come prepared to share in 2 minutes :

- Stories behind the establishment of a forum of young MPs, including challenges faced and solutions found; or
- Lessons learned on what should be the mandate and scope of work of a forum of young MPs in parliament; or
- A highlight story of when the caucus of young MPs made a particularly successful impact; or
- An example of cooperation with a caucus of young MPs from another country or from an inter-parliamentary organization.

As speaking time will be limited to 2 minutes during the Q&A session, young MPs are encouraged to share more thorough contributions to one or more of the topics listed above in writing.

#### **6. Preparations for the 144th Assembly (March 2022)**

As per usual practice, the Forum will prepare for the 144th Assembly by discussing from a youth perspective the items on the agenda of the IPU Standing Committees: *Rethinking and reframing approaches to peace processes with a view to fostering lasting peace*, to be considered by the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security; and *Leveraging Information and Communication Technology as an enabler for the education sector, including in times of pandemic* to be considered by the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development. The members of the Forum will be invited to approve the appointment of a Rapporteur nominated by the Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians to provide a youth overview report on each of these items to the respective Standing Committee.

#### **7. Any other business**