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Reporting by IPU Members of action taken to follow up on IPU resolutions, Assemblies and other initiatives

According to the IPU Statutes, all Members and Associate Members of the IPU are required to send an annual report of action taken to follow up on IPU resolutions and decisions (Article 6).

It is the duty of the Members of the IPU to submit the resolutions of the IPU within their respective Parliament, in the most appropriate form; to communicate them to the Government; to stimulate their implementation and to inform the IPU Secretariat, as often and fully as possible, particularly in its annual reports, of the steps taken and the results obtained (cf. Assembly, Rule 39.2). To this end, all heads of delegations to IPU Assemblies should submit in accordance with national laws a report to their national parliaments with a copy to the IPU Secretary General as soon as possible following the closure of the Assembly (Article 7).

Since 2017, the Governing Council has decided to pursue an approach based on a predictable rotational cycle. A number of parliaments from each geopolitical group are designated to report each year, with each Member Parliament expected to submit a report every four years. This is intended to allow sufficient time to prepare a submission and reduce the burden of annual reporting

This edition of the reporting exercise presents relevant information and best practices shared by IPU Member Parliaments in 2020 and 2021, when 41 and 45 Member Parliaments respectively were invited to complete a questionnaire on parliamentary action related to IPU resolutions and other decisions. All other Members were also encouraged to participate voluntarily. The aim of the questionnaire was to collect comparative data and concrete examples of parliamentary follow-up on one or more resolutions or decisions that the IPU had adopted. Most questions in the surveys were multiple choice with a blank space to include examples. The 2021 questionnaire was administered, for the first time, in an online format.

Of the 41 selected parliaments to report in 2020, the IPU Secretariat received 20 responses, which is a 49 per cent response rate. Of the 45 selected parliaments to report in 2021, 28 submitted their contributions, which is a 62 per cent response rate. Although the number of responses decreased compared to 2019, when 31 responses were registered (69 per cent response rate), this is understandably due to the limitations and other urgent priorities brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition, during the period affected by the pandemic, the IPU launched an online initiative to collate information about the way parliaments function during the COVID-19 pandemic and implement emergency health measures. Over 100 Member Parliaments and other parliamentary organizations engaged in this exercise, a comprehensive list of which is available at: <https://www.ipu.org/country-compilation-parliamentary-responses-pandemic#A>.

2020 Questionnaire

The following parliaments were called to submit responses to the questionnaire in 2020 (*those that responded are in bold*):

African Group: Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe

Arab Group: Palestine, **Qatar**, Saudi Arabia, Sudan**

Asia-Pacific Group: **Micronesia (Federated States of)**, **Mongolia**, **Myanmar**, Nepal, **Pakistan**, Palau, Philippines

Eurasia Group: **Republic of Moldova**, **Russian Federation**

Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC): **Mexico**, **Nicaragua**, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia

Twelve Plus Group: **Luxembourg**, **Malta**, **Monaco**, **Montenegro**, **Netherlands**, **New Zealand***, **Norway**, **Poland**, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia

Voluntary responses and contributions were received from 15 Members:

African Group: **Benin**, **Equatorial Guinea**, **The Gambia**, **Togo**

Asia-Pacific: **Afghanistan**, **Bhutan**, **Malaysia**, **Maldives**

GRULAC: **Chile**, **Costa Rica**, **El Salvador**, **Suriname**

Twelve Plus Group: **Ireland**, **Lithuania**, **Sweden**

Also, in 2020 annual reports for 2019 were received from the Hellenic Parliament of Greece, the National Diet of Japan, the National Assembly of Slovenia, and the British Group of the IPU (BGIPU).

2021 Questionnaire

The following parliaments were called to submit responses to the questionnaire in 2021 (*those that responded are in bold*):

African Group: Eswatini, Senegal, **Seychelles**, Sierra Leone, Somalia, **South Africa**, **South Sudan**, **Togo**, **Uganda**, **United Republic of Tanzania**, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Arab Group: Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia**, **United Arab Emirates**, **Yemen**

Asia-Pacific Group: **Republic of Korea**, Samoa, Singapore, Sri Lanka, **Thailand**, **Timor-Leste**, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, **Viet Nam**

Eurasia Group: **Tajikistan**, **Turkmenistan**, Uzbekistan

GRULAC: **Argentina**, **Chile**, **Suriname**, Trinidad and Tobago, **Uruguay**, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Twelve Plus Group: **Canada***, **North Macedonia**, **Slovakia**, **Slovenia**, **Spain**, **Sweden**, **Switzerland**, **Turkey**, **Ukraine**, **United Kingdom**

** Parliaments belonging to two geopolitical groups but have not expressed a preference for the purposes of elections.

* Parliaments belonging to two geopolitical groups and for purposes of elections within the IPU have chosen this Group.

Voluntary responses and contributions were received from 19 Members:

African Group: **Algeria, Benin**

Arab Group: **Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia**

Asia-Pacific Group: **China**

Eurasia Group: **Kazakhstan, Republic of Moldova**

GRULAC: **Colombia, Nicaragua, Paraguay**

Twelve Plus Group: **Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Latvia, Lichtenstein, Poland, San Marino, Serbia**

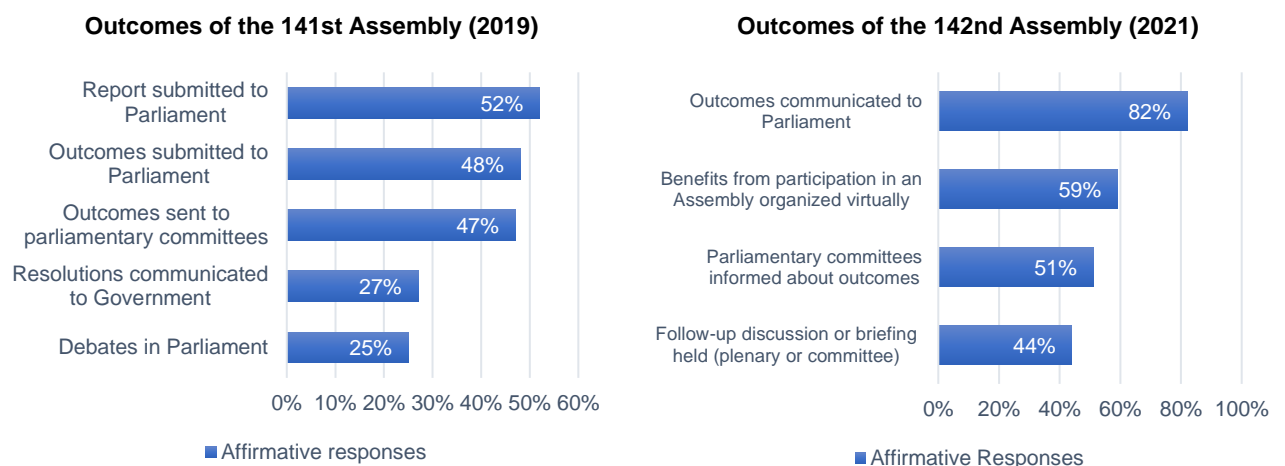
Special thanks are due to the BGIPU for submitting in 2021 their report on parliamentary follow-up in relation to IPU resolutions and decisions during the period 2017–2021.

Survey findings

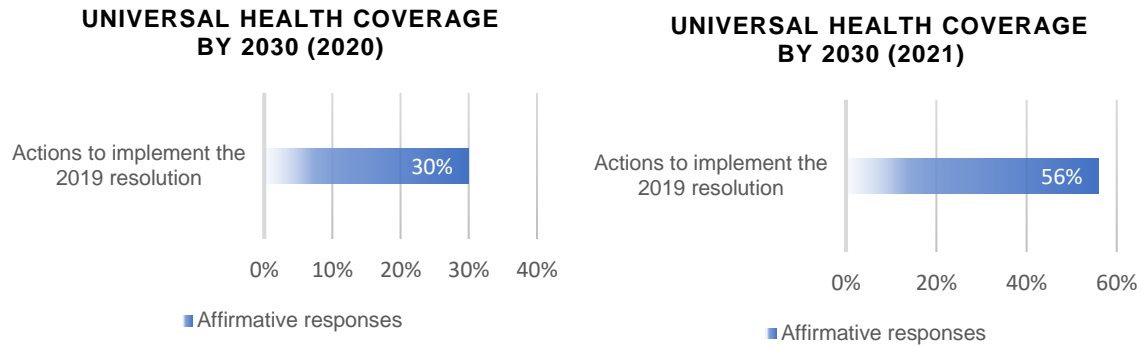
The responses provide qualitative and quantitative information about how national parliaments follow up on IPU resolutions and other IPU decisions and initiatives.

With regard to the outcomes of the 141st IPU Assembly (Belgrade, October 2019), the responses indicate that 52 per cent of respondents submitted reports to their parliaments; 48 per cent submitted the Assembly outcomes to their parliaments; and 47 per cent informed their parliamentary committees thereof. However, only a small number of parliaments reported that they had communicated the resolutions adopted at the Assembly to their Governments (27 per cent). Similarly, only 25 per cent of respondents reported that they had held debates in parliament on the Assembly outcomes.

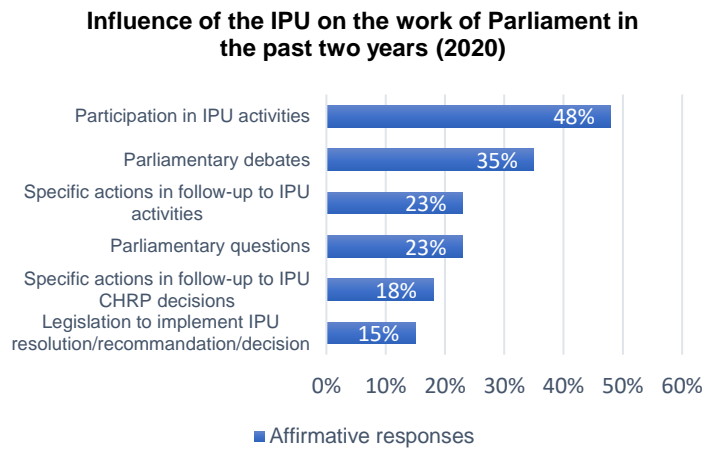
With regard to the 142nd IPU Assembly (Virtual, May 2021), 82 per cent of respondents communicated the outcomes to their parliaments; 51 per cent informed parliamentary committees about the outcomes; 44 per cent held follow-up discussions or briefings in parliament on this virtual Assembly; and 59 per cent of respondents indicated that the first IPU virtual Assembly in May 2021 was a useful and successful exercise.



An incremental trend was observed regarding the 2019 resolution *Achieving universal health coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensuring the right to health*. In 2020, 30 per cent of respondents indicated that action had been taken to implement the resolution, whereas in 2021 the figure stands at 56 per cent.

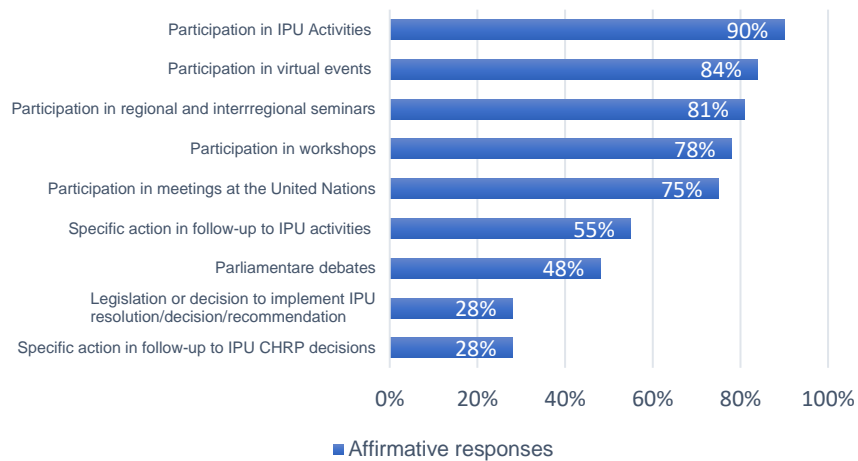


Progress regarding IPU's influence on the work of parliament varied. In 2020, 48 per cent of respondents pointed out that their parliaments participated in other IPU activities in addition to IPU Assemblies; 35 per cent held debates in parliament on participation in IPU work; while only 23 per cent followed up with specific actions on decisions and recommendations of IPU activities and undertook modest action in other areas as well.



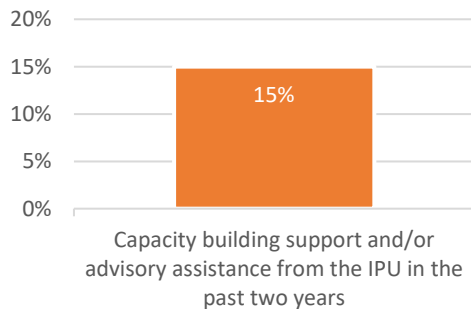
In contrast to 2020, the 2021 exercise shows that there was an increase in parliaments' engagement: 90 per cent of respondents participated in IPU activities (84 per cent attended virtual events, 81 per cent participated in regional and interregional seminars, 78 per cent in workshops and 75 per cent in meetings at the United Nations). It is noteworthy that 55 per cent had taken specific actions to follow up on these activities.

Influence of the IPU on the work of Parliament in the past two years (2021)

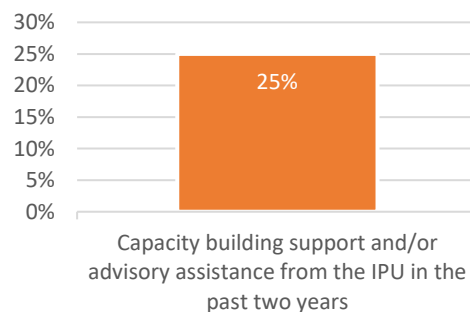


Limited action was reported on capacity building activities and advisory assistance. In 2020 only 15 per cent of respondents received capacity-building support and/or advisory assistance from the IPU. In 2021, this figure went up to 25 per cent.

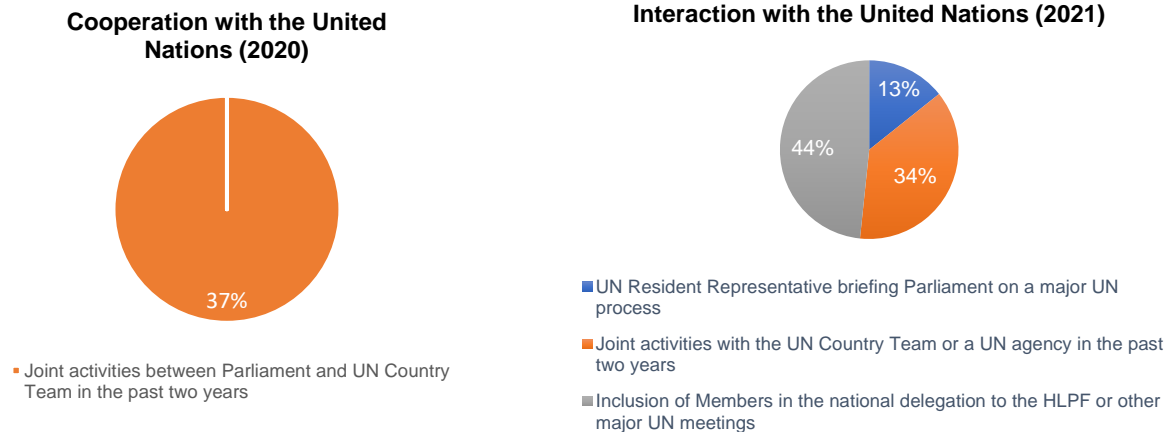
Capacity building activities and advisory services (2020)



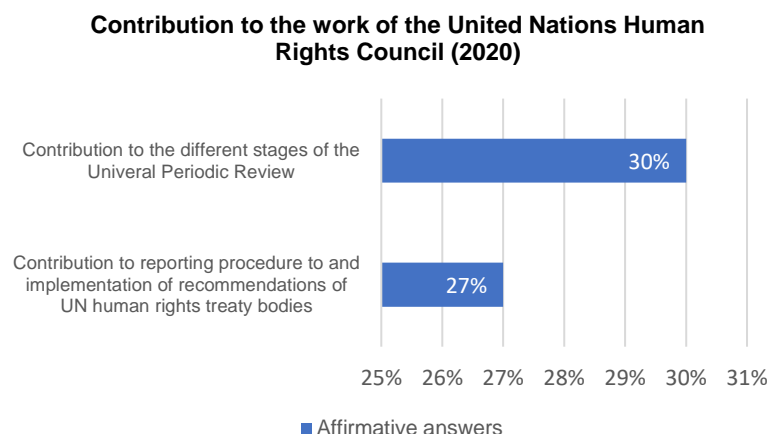
Capacity building activities and advisory services (2021)



On interaction with the United Nations, the number of respondents that reported joint work with UN Country Teams remains modest for two consecutive years: 37 per cent in 2020 and 34 per cent in 2021. Moreover, the reporting exercise for 2021 shows that 44 per cent of respondents included MPs in the national delegations to the UN High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) and a limited number, 13 per cent, pointed out that the UN Resident Representatives briefed parliaments on a major UN process.

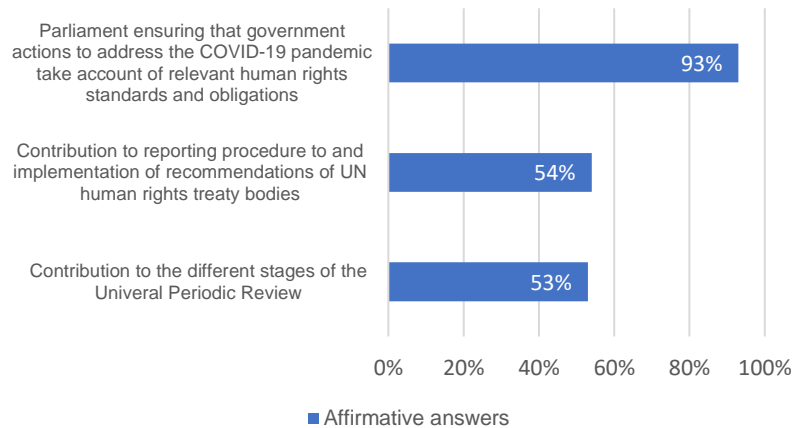


In terms of contribution to the work of the United Nations Human Rights Council, the 2020 survey indicates that 30 per cent of respondents contributed to the different stages of the Council's Universal Periodic Review (UPR).



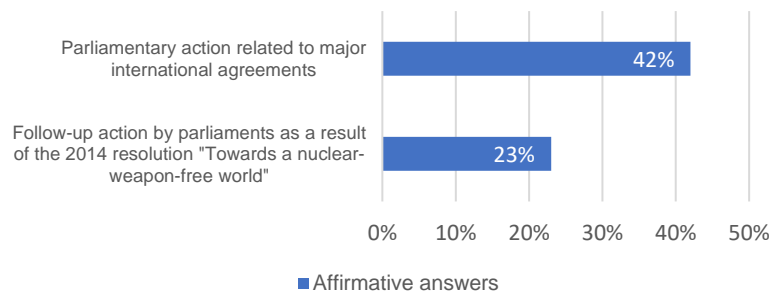
An improvement was observed in the 2021 survey, where 53 per cent of respondents contributed to the UPR. The 2021 survey also asked parliaments if they ensured that government action to address the COVID-19 pandemic took account of relevant human rights standards and obligations. Most respondents, 93 per cent, reported having taken action in this regard.

Contribution to the work of the United Nations Human Rights Council (2021)

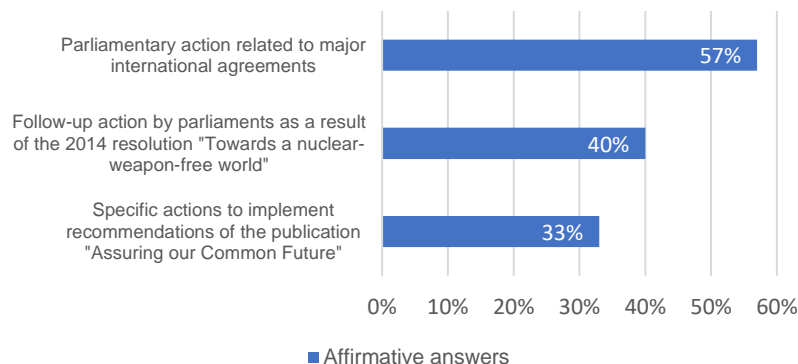


The 2020 and 2021 periodic exercises explored parliamentary work in follow-up to UN agreements in the area of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control. In the 2020 survey, 42 per cent of parliaments reported taking action on major international agreements as did 57 per cent in 2021.

Parliamentary work in follow-up to UN agreements in the area of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control (2020)

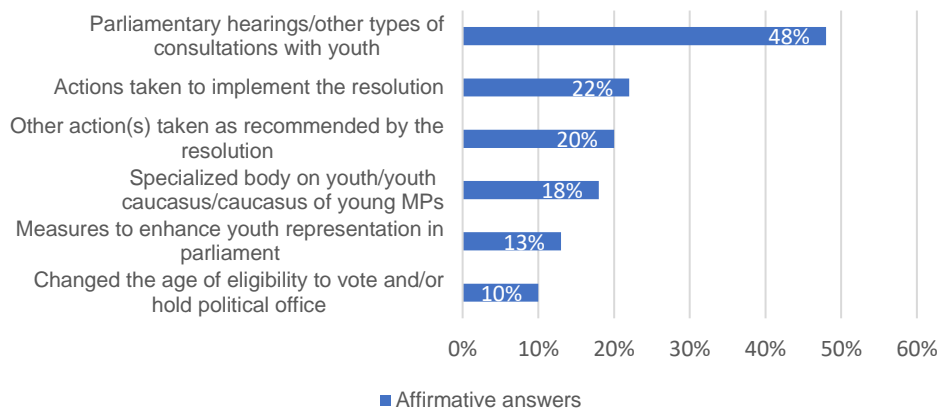


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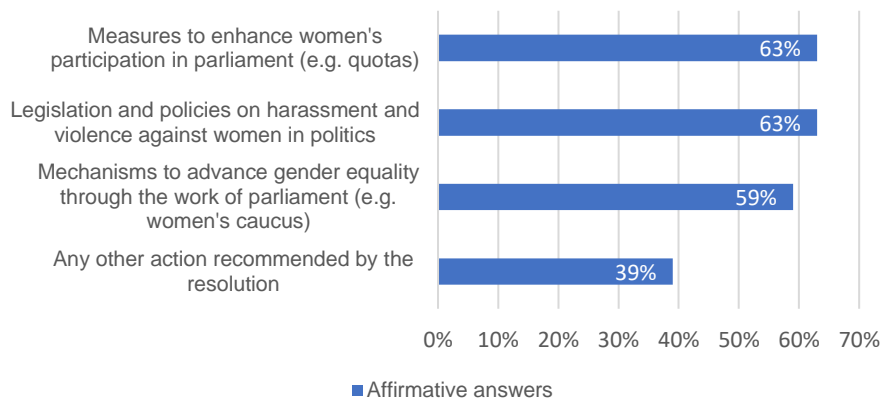
Regarding parliaments' implementation of the [2010 IPU resolution Youth participation the democratic process](#), the 2020 survey shows that significant progress was made in holding hearings or other types of consultations with young people: 48 per cent reported carrying out such initiatives.

Tenth anniversary of IPU's resolution *Youth participation in the democratic process* (2020)



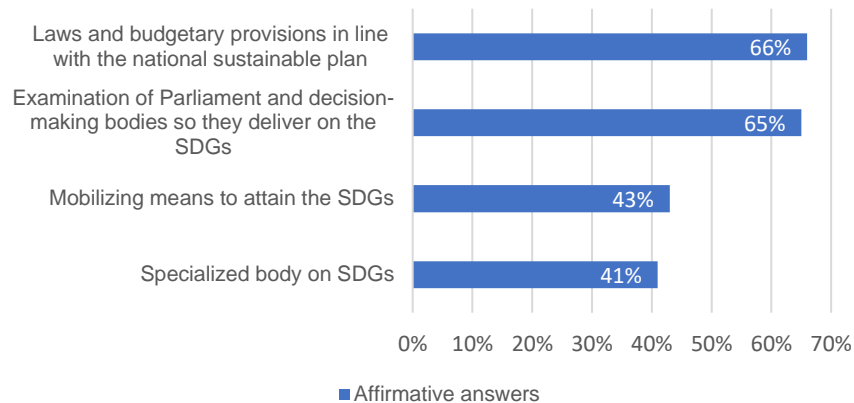
The 2021 reporting exercise showed a positive trend in the follow up to the [2016 IPU resolution The freedom of women to participate in political processes fully, safely and without interference: Building partnerships between men and women to achieve this objective](#). In all, 63 per cent reported taking measures to enhance women's representation in parliament; 63 per cent adopted legislation and policies on harassment and violence against women in politics; and 59 per cent strengthened or put in place mechanisms to advance gender equality.

Actions taken to enhance women's political participation (2021)



Equally important were parliamentary actions to implement [IPU's Hanoi Declaration The Sustainable Development Goals: Turning Words into Action](#) adopted by the 132nd IPU Assembly. The 2021 survey shows that 66 per cent of parliaments enacted laws and adopted budgetary provisions in line with national sustainable development plans; 65 per cent indicated that the institution and its decision-making bodies were examined to deliver on the SDGs; 43 per cent engaged in mobilizing means to attain the SDGs; and 41 per cent established a specialized body on SDGs.

Actions taken to implement the 2030 Agenda and SDGs (2021)



Conclusion

The surveys suggest that Members' reporting structures seem, to an extent, to help Members fulfil their statutory obligations to implement IPU decisions and report back on action taken and results obtained. However, the response rate in 2020 and 2021 remains below expectations most probably due to the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the work of parliaments and the urgency to respond to imperatives imposed by the pandemic at country level.

The IPU Secretariat will continue to reflect on ways to improve and perhaps simplify the exercise and to help Members understand its utility, while also allowing them to showcase more effectively national efforts to follow up on IPU's work. The new IPU Strategy with its emphasis on accountability at all levels, monitoring and evaluation is expected to play a key role in improving the exercise. A more dynamic communications strategy highlighting the good work undertaken by parliaments and parliamentarians may also serve as an incentive in this regard. Geopolitical Groups will continue to play an important role in engaging with their respective members in this exercise.

As noted in the new IPU Strategy 2022-2026, reinforcing and sustaining a culture of trust and mutual accountability on all levels are both a key organizational value and a critical factor in ensuring that progress in meeting IPU's strategic objectives is achieved. The IPU Members, office holders in particular, are encouraged to undertake the following measures:

- ✓ Make sure that delegations submit a report to parliament after Assemblies. Take the initiative to contribute to the drafting of the report or provide substantive input to the report.
- ✓ Share copies of resolutions adopted during Assemblies with all parliamentarians and refer to these resolutions in relevant parliamentary sessions.
- ✓ Make sure that copies of IPU resolutions are sent to the government and relevant State agencies receive and invite them to take action when required.
- ✓ Put questions to government on topics discussed and resolutions adopted at IPU Assemblies.
- ✓ Promote plenary or committee debates on the topics discussed at IPU Assemblies.
- ✓ Submit draft legislation or amendments to draft legislation in line with IPU resolutions and recommendations.
- ✓ Quote IPU resolutions in communications outreach activities, including press conferences, social media messages and interviews.
- ✓ Send copies of IPU resolutions and relevant web links to the relevant unit of parliament so that these can be translated, if need be, and posted on the parliament's website.
- ✓ Exercise the relevant parliamentary powers, including parliamentary budgetary and oversight authority, to ensure that IPU recommendations are effectively implemented.
- ✓ Make use of IPU publications that include checklists for parliamentarians with concrete examples of how to follow up on IPU recommendations.
- ✓ Systematically engage in the IPU reporting exercise and submit voluntary reports about work undertaken in follow-up to IPU initiatives.

Examples of how Parliaments have followed-up on the work of the IPU (2020-2021)

MEMBER	IPU RESOLUTION/DECISION/PUBLICATION/ACTIVITY	FOLLOW-UP BY PARLIAMENT
Afghanistan	Specific actions to implement the 2019 resolution <i>Achieving universal health coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensuring the right to health</i>	The Health, Sports and Youth Committee came up with new initiatives to implement the different recommendations of the 2019 resolution such as: introduction of awareness programmes, strengthening the health system, reduction of the mortality rate, prioritization of women's health, promotion of quality medicine, and combatting malnutrition.
	Follow-up to UN agreements in the area of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control	The National Assembly held sessions in support of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, the Convention on Cluster Munitions, the Arms Trade Treaty, and the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.
	Tenth anniversary of IPU's resolution <i>Youth participation in the democratic process</i>	The National Assembly has a youth parliament which conducted youth parliamentary sessions in coordination with the Deputy Minister of Youth Affairs.
Algeria	Specific actions to implement the 2019 resolution <i>Achieving universal health coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensuring the right to health</i>	The Council of the Nation organized a parliamentary day on the COVID-19 pandemic and vaccination strategy which entailed discussions on ensuring adequate health coverage for the population in times of pandemic (February 2021).
	2016 IPU resolution <i>The freedom of women to participate in political processes fully, safely and without interference: Building partnerships between men and women to achieve this objective</i>	The Council of the Nation has two focal points designated as members of the National Commission for the Protection and Promotion of Women.
Argentina	Outcomes of the 142nd IPU Assembly (Virtual, May 2021)	The Senate has a dedicated web page to inform on its participation in the IPU.
	Capacity-building activities and advisory services	The National Congress received support and advisory assistance through virtual briefings and preparatory events for the IPU Assembly and other global IPU events.

Bahrain	Specific actions to implement the 2019 resolution <i>Achieving universal health coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensuring the right to health</i>	Two bills are under discussion in the relevant parliamentary committees on mental health and on the treatment of Bahraini citizens abroad. The bills aim to contribute to the goal of universal health coverage.
	Capacity-building activities and advisory services	The National Assembly is working closely with the IPU on a training programme for green recovery.
	2016 IPU resolution <i>The freedom of women to participate in political processes fully, safely and without interference: Building partnerships between men and women to achieve this objective</i>	A reform of the Committee on Equal Opportunities is intended to enhance the situation of women in parliament. The Supreme Council of Women has been actively involved in maintaining and enhancing women's political participation in political life in Bahrain. The National Assembly has been part of the national efforts in this regard.
	IPU's Hanoi Declaration <i>The Sustainable Development Goals: Turning Words into Action</i>	The National Assembly approved the Government Action Plan for the period 2019–2022 which envisages the implementation of the SDGs.
Benin	Influence of the IPU on the work of your parliament in the past two years	The National Assembly adopted the 2019 and 2020 Laws on Finance which cover the SDGs. The Hon. Bako-Arifari served as the President of the IPU Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians.
	Follow-up to UN agreements in the area of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control	The National Assembly adopted a law on the arms regime, ammunition and other related materials in the Republic of Benin (14 January 2020); ratified the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) and participated in capacity building programmes on the implementation of the ATT.
	2016 IPU resolution <i>The freedom of women to participate in political processes fully, safely and without interference: Building partnerships between men and women to achieve this objective</i>	A revision of the Constitution carried out in November 2019 instituted, among other things, the principle of the representativeness of women in parliament.
Bhutan	Cooperation with the United Nations	A parliamentary committee was established to oversee the implementation by the Government of the SDGs.
	Tenth anniversary of IPU's resolution <i>Youth participation in the democratic process</i>	Parliament celebrated the 130th anniversary of the IPU by organizing an interactive panel discussion involving young parliamentarians and schoolchildren.

Canada	Specific actions to implement the 2019 resolution <i>Achieving universal health coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensuring the right to health</i>	Parliament passed implementing legislation regarding the budget for 2021, which proposed a one-time US\$ 4 billion top-up in federal health transfers to the provinces to ensure the needs of the people.
	Influence of the IPU on the work of Parliament in the past two years	The Honourable David McGuinty, PC, MP and President of the Canadian Group of the IPU, appeared before parliamentary committees to share information about the activities of the IPU Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians (February 2021).
	Contribution to the work of the United Nations Human Rights Council	<p>The House of Commons Standing Committee on the Status of Women issued a study on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on women (25 March 2021).</p> <p>The House of Commons Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs produced the report <i>COVID-19 and Indigenous Peoples: From Crisis toward Meaningful Change</i> (11 March 2021).</p> <p>The House of Commons Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development tabled two reports: <i>The Humanitarian Burden: Ensuring a Global Response and Reaching the Most Vulnerable</i> (26 February 2021) and <i>Confronting a Child Rights Crisis and Restoring Hope</i> (10 June 2021). Its subcommittee on International Human Rights issued a report entitled <i>Igniting a Crisis: The Devastating Impacts of COVID-19 on Displaced Populations Globally</i> (April 2021).</p>
	Follow-up to UN agreements in the area of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control	<p>In May 2021, February 2021, November 2020, February 2019, June 2018 and February 2018, MPs questioned the Government, submitted petitions and made statements about the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and Canada's exclusion from the Treaty.</p> <p>In 2018, Parliament passed implementing legislation regarding Canada's accession to the Arms Trade Treaty.</p> <p>In 2015, Parliament passed implementing legislation regarding Canada's accession to the Convention on Cluster Munitions.</p>
	2016 IPU resolution <i>The freedom of women to participate in political processes fully, safely and without interference: Building partnerships between men and women to achieve this objective</i>	The House of Commons Standing Committee on the Status of Women tabled the report <i>Elect Her: A Roadmap for Improving the Representation of Women in Canadian Politics</i> (April 2019), in which it made 14 recommendations to the Government of Canada to help improve women's representation at all levels of electoral politics in Canada.

		In 2018, Parliament passed the <i>Department for Women and Gender Equality Act</i> and created a Department with the mission of advancing gender equality.
	IPU's Hanoi Declaration <i>The Sustainable Development Goals: Turning Words into Action</i>	Parliament passed legislation requiring the Government to set national targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions with the aim of achieving net-zero emissions by 2050 (June 2021).
Chile	Specific actions to implement the 2019 resolution <i>Achieving universal health coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensuring the right to health</i>	The National Congress adopted measures and regulations with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic.
China	Influence of the IPU on the work of Parliament in the past two years	The National People's Congress passed legislation on e-commerce. Moreover, China has been harnessing the opportunities presented by new technological and scientific developments, such as the Internet of Things, artificial intelligence, big data and robotics, with a view to attaining the SDGs.
Costa Rica	Outcomes of the 141st IPU Assembly (Belgrade, October 2019)	The President of the Legislative Assembly forwarded to relevant parliamentary committees and to the Government the following resolutions: <i>Achieving universal health coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensuring the right to health</i> ; <i>Declaration to mark the 30th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child</i> ; and <i>Addressing climate change</i> .
	Capacity-building and advisory services	The seminar on the structure and functioning of the IPU for Spanish speaking participants, held in November 2019, generated valuable practices which were shared across the Latin American and Caribbean region.
	Contribution to the work of the United Nations Human Rights Council	The President of the Special Permanent Committee on Human Rights participated in the presentation of the UPR held in Geneva in 2019.
	Follow-up to UN agreements in the area of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control	The Legislative Assembly approved the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (3 May 2018). Costa Rica also adopted United Nations Security Council resolution 1540.
Croatia	Interaction with the United Nations	MPs were part of the national delegation to the UN High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in 2019.

El Salvador	Influence of the IPU on the work of Parliament in the past two years	The Legislative Assembly ratified the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol (23 January 2019).
	Follow-up to UN agreements in the area of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control	In 2018, the Commission on Foreign Affairs, the Central American Integration System and the Salvadorans Abroad, gave their support to on the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. The ratification of the Treaty allowed to close a legal gap and a pending humanitarian commitment to the international community.
	Tenth anniversary of IPU's resolution <i>Youth participation in the democratic process</i>	The first Parliamentary Youth Group was established in March 2016. It is composed of parliamentarians between 25 and 35 years of age.
Estonia	Outcomes of the 142nd IPU Assembly (Virtual, May 2021)	The report on the outcome of the 142nd IPU virtual Assembly was circulated via the IPU Estonian Group and follow-up discussions are scheduled for at the beginning of 2022.
Gambia (The)	Influence of the IPU on the work of Parliament in the past two years	The National Assembly approved budgetary allocations for the health, education and agriculture sectors – which are priorities in the realization of the SDGs – as part of the National Development Plan for 2018-2021.
	Specific actions to implement the 2019 resolution <i>chieving universal health coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensuring the right to health</i>	A Special COVID-19 Committee has been established to oversee and monitor the implementation of the State of Public Emergency imposed by the Government due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
	Contribution to the work of the United Nations Human Rights Council	The National Assembly established a Standing Committee on Human Rights and Constitutional Matters which is working in partnership with the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).
	Tenth anniversary of IPU's resolution <i>Youth participation in the democratic process</i>	Investment in youth and women has been made through a <i>Youth and women empowerment project</i> , which is dedicated to reducing youth unemployment and addressing problems around migration. The voting age in the country was also reduced to 18 years of age.
India	Influence of the IPU on the work of Parliament in the past two years	The Digital India programme enabled the provision of digital governance services to citizens in an affordable and efficient manner. Parliament in particular carried out discussions and participated in national and regional events dedicated to the attainment of the SDGs. Mainstreaming digitalization, circular economy and the pursuit of innovation have been national priorities in that regard.

Ireland	Follow-up to UN agreements in the area of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control	The Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons Act (2019) gives effect to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.
	Tenth anniversary of IPU's resolution <i>Youth participation in the democratic process</i>	The Dáil na nÓg (National Youth Parliament) took place in Leinster House (Parliament building) in 2019 to celebrate 100 years since the first sitting of the Dáil Éireann (House of Representatives).
Japan	Influence of the IPU on the work of Parliament in the past two years	Food waste reduction legislation encourages companies to use ICTs to reduce food waste, while increasing profits and workforce efficiency. The overall goal is to significantly reduce food waste by 2030.
Kenya	Influence of the IPU on the work of Parliament in the past two years	Digitalization in the country has led to greater access to services, setting up of an e-Governance system and the development of a mobile financial services system.
Luxembourg	Follow-up to UN agreements in the area of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control	The Chamber of Deputies debated the law (7425) on arms and ammunition in 2020. That same year it also considered the Bill (7428) approving the Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, their Parts and Components and Ammunition that supplements the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime of 31 May 2001.
	Tenth anniversary of IPU's resolution <i>Youth participation in the democratic process</i>	The Chamber of Deputies hosts the Youth Parliament every year. The session is broadcasted live on the Parliament's television channel.
Malaysia	Outcomes of the 141st IPU Assembly (Belgrade, October 2019)	The outcomes of the 141st IPU Assembly were submitted to Ministries and Government agencies and MPs called on these institutions, through parliamentary debate, to take up action.
	Influence of the IPU on the work of Parliament in the past two years	Parliament took action, through the Women Political Leaders event held on 19 and 20 October 2019, to promote women's representation in Parliament.
	Tenth anniversary of IPU's resolution <i>Youth participation in the democratic process</i>	Parliament passed the Constitution (Amendment) Bill in 2019, reducing the voting age in national and state elections from 21 to 18.
Malta	Tenth anniversary of IPU's resolution <i>Youth participation in the democratic process</i>	Malta lowered its voting age for general and European Parliament elections to 16 in 2018. As a result, 8,500 new voters were added to the electoral register and voted for the first time during the elections for the European Parliament in 2019.

Mexico	Specific actions to implement the 2019 resolution <i>Achieving universal health coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensuring the right to health</i>	MPs of the Chamber of Deputies supported bills amending various provisions of the General Health Law, urged the Federal Executive to consider a national policy against cancer as part of the Federal Budget for the period 2019– 2024, and called for improvements in the quality of medical services provided within maternal and prenatal healthcare.
	Cooperation with the United Nations	The Chamber of Deputies and the UNDP signed a Memorandum of Understanding to promote the development of institutional capacities to accelerate the realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
	Contribution to the work of the United Nations Human Rights Council	Members of the Human Rights Commission of the Senate were part of Mexico's delegation that presented the Sixth periodic report of Mexico on the implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights to the UN Human Rights Committee in 2019; they were also part of Mexico's delegation to the Third Universal Periodic Review of Mexico before the UN Human Rights Council in 2018.
	Tenth anniversary of IPU's resolution <i>Youth participation in the democratic process</i>	<p>Mexico's Youth Parliament was held in April 2019 and galvanized young people to deepen knowledge about the work of the Senate.</p> <p>The Chamber of Deputies has taken action to implement the IPU resolution <i>Youth participation in the democratic process</i>, in particular by: introducing measures to enhance youth representation in Parliament; establishing a committee on youth; and holding regular parliamentary hearings and consultations with youth.</p>
Micronesia (Federates States of)	Outcomes of the 141st IPU Assembly (Belgrade, October 2019)	In the context of the Belgrade Declaration <i>Strengthening international law: Parliamentary roles and mechanisms, and the contribution of regional cooperation</i> , the Congress, under Public Law No. 21-77, granted a US\$ 130,000 contribution to the IPU in keeping with the Speaker's pledge in his 141st IPU General Debate Speech. The US\$ 130,000 contribution symbolically celebrate the 130th Anniversary of the IPU.

		<p>In 2017, Congress contributed US\$ 100,000 towards the production of the IPU/UNHCR's Handbook for Parliamentarians <i>A guide to international refugee protection and building state asylum systems</i>.</p> <p>Following the October 2018 IPU Declaration on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Congress enacted a law (Public Law No. 20-153) prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation.</p>
	Specific actions to implement the 2019 resolution <i>Achieving universal health coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensuring the right to health</i>	Congress adopted Congressional Resolution No. 21 – 85 <i>Declaring the goal of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to have the FSM reach Universal Health Coverage by 2030 and calling upon the President to take measures to effectuate that goal</i> (7 February 2020).
	Capacity-building activities and advisory services	Congress benefited from IPU support through, for example, <i>Parliaments and the SDGs: A Self-assessment Toolkit</i> ; Parline Data; ICT capacity-building and e-Parliament/paperless parliament trainings.
	Tenth anniversary of IPU's resolution <i>Youth participation in the democratic process</i>	Congress expanded youth involvement in congressional sessions by prioritizing and increasing the employment of socially and economically disadvantaged youths through the Congress' Page Program.
Monaco	Contribution to the work of the United Nations Human Rights Council	The President of the External Relations Commission of the National Council participated, as a member of Monaco's delegation in the UPR of the Principality (12 November 2018, Geneva).
	Tenth anniversary of IPU's resolution <i>Youth participation in the democratic process</i>	<p>The National Council brings together young girls every year on the occasion of Girl's Day. In 2019, the National Council included young boys in this event to sensitize them to the equal access of women and men in politics.</p> <p>The National Council will set up a National Youth Council comprised of 24 youth from the 5th to 12th grade.</p>
Mongolia	Influence of the IPU on the work of Parliament in the past two years	The State Great Hural (Parliament) established an ad-hoc investigatory committee. Mongolia hosted, in cooperation with the IPU, the Asia-Pacific Seminar dedicated to SDGs (May 2019).

Montenegro	Outcomes of the 141st IPU Assembly (Belgrade, October 2019)	The Committee on Tourism, Agriculture, Ecology and Spatial Planning was informed on the outcomes of the 141st Assembly, particularly with regards to the resolution on addressing climate change. The Committee on Health, Labour and Social Welfare was informed of the resolution on achieving universal health coverage by 2030.
	Cooperation with the United Nations	Members of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms participated in the work of the Reference Group for the evaluation of the Cooperation Programme between the Government and UNICEF for the period 2017-2021, as well as the UNICEF Monitoring Committee for the evaluation of the monitoring system of children rights in Montenegro.
	Tenth anniversary of IPU's resolution <i>Youth participation in the democratic process</i>	Parliament organizes a Children's Parliament which serves as a mechanism for promoting children's rights. Parliament is implementing an educational programme entitled <i>Democratic workshop "Barbara Pramer"</i> aimed at boosting the interest of young people in democracy and political processes, and at introducing them to the work of MPs and Parliament.
Myanmar	Influence of the IPU on the work of Parliament in the past two years	The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (Assembly of the Union) holds a commemorative seminar on International Democracy Day on 15 September every year.
	Capacity-building activities and advisory services	The IPU Secretariat carried out English language courses for parliamentary staff and MPs of the Assembly of the Union through the Hluttaw Learning Center. The IPU contributed to the drafting process and adoption of the Myanmar Hluttaw Strategic Plan for 2019-2022.
	Cooperation with the United Nations	The UNDP contributed to the drafting process and adoption of the Myanmar Hluttaw Strategic Plan (2019-2022).
	Follow-up to UN agreements in the area of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control	The Assembly of the Union approved the signing of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (14 September 2018).
Netherlands	Influence of the IPU on the work of Parliament in the past two years	In May 2019, MPs consulted with the Minister of Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation on the proposed IPU emergency item resolution on the situation in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe and discussed the various measures to be pursued in that context.

	Follow-up to UN agreements in the area of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control	In 2017, the Eerste Kamer (Senate) adopted a motion on a nuclear-weapons-free world.
	Tenth anniversary of IPU's resolution <i>Youth participation in the democratic process</i>	In 2019, the Committee on Economic Affairs and Climate consulted with youth groups on the issue of climate change. In 2017, the States General (Parliament) adopted a motion to organize a yearly children's question hour with ministers.
New Zealand	Influence of the IPU on the work of Parliament in the past two years	The IPU's publication <i>Guidelines for the elimination of sexism, harassment, and violence against women in parliament</i> was useful for the parliament's cross-party women's group – which undertook its own survey which then fed into the Parliament-wide Francis Review.
	Capacity-building and advisory services	The House of Representatives collaborates closely on work such as that of the IPU Centre for Innovation in Parliament.
	Follow-up to UN agreements in the area of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control	The House of Representatives hosted the IPU Pacific Seminar on engaging parliaments in the Pacific region in the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 1540 (disarmament and non-proliferation) in September 2019.
	Tenth anniversary of IPU's resolution <i>Youth participation in the democratic process</i>	The House of Representatives regularly hosts a National Youth Parliament and has a youth reference group. The House also convenes youth roundtables.
Nicaragua	Outcomes of the virtual 142nd IPU Assembly (Virtual, May 2021)	The National Assembly marked the "International Day of Parliamentarism" which addressed key aspects related to the theme of the virtual 142nd IPU Assembly (30 June 2021).
	Specific actions to implement the 2019 resolution <i>Achieving universal health coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensuring the right to health</i>	<p>The National Assembly was engaged in drafting a Work Plan to update legislation on health matters, in particular the General Health Law. A Health Fair was held in the National Assembly in the framework of the World Health Day Conference (5 April 2019).</p> <p>The National Assembly approved the Agreement between the Government and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on establishing an ICRC delegation in the country (December 2019).</p> <p>Investment in health represents 21.1 per cent of the North Macedonia's 2021 general budget.</p>

	Influence of the IPU on the work of Parliament in the past two years	The National Assembly set up the System of Incorporation of Institutional Policies of the National Assembly (SIP-AN) which is a new digital tool used in the drafting of legislation.
	Interaction with the United Nations	<p>The National Assembly and UNICEF Nicaragua signed an Annual Work Plan to strengthen the capacities of MPs and parliamentary staff in particular on the existing legal framework in the area of the rights of children, adolescents, youth and the family.</p> <p>The National Assembly has been implementing a Work Plan with FAO since 2018 on strengthening the capacities of MPs and parliamentary staff to mainstream sovereignty and food security throughout the parliamentary cycle.</p>
	Follow-up to UN agreements in the area of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control	The National Assembly approved the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (16 December 2020) and the Law Regulating Chemical Substances (28 April 2021).
	2016 IPU resolution <i>The freedom of women to participate in political processes fully, safely and without interference: Building partnerships between men and women to achieve this objective</i>	The country has several laws and instruments in place with a gender perspective, such as: the Political Constitution; the Law of Equal Rights and Opportunities; the Comprehensive Law against Violence against Women; the Family Code; the Law of the General Budget of the Republic with a gender perspective; the Cybercrime Law – Chapter V “Computer Crimes Related to Sexual Freedom and Integrity”; the Legal Digest of Family, Women, Youth, Children, the Elderly and Gender Equity.
North Macedonia	Interaction with the United Nations	The Assembly of the Republic carried out an information session on the SDGs and the role of parliaments in advancing the 2030 Agenda (10 June 2021), and a Stakeholder training on the 2030 Agenda (20 September 2021).
	2016 IPU resolution <i>The freedom of women to participate in political processes fully, safely and without interference: Building partnerships between men and women to achieve this objective</i>	The quota for women on parliamentary candidates lists was increased from 30 to 40 per cent in 2016. At the end of 2020 the Assembly adopted a new Law on Violence against Women and Domestic Violence. The Assembly also has a Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men and a Women Parliamentarians’ Club.
	IPU’s Hanoi Declaration <i>The Sustainable Development Goals: Turning Words into Action</i>	The Assembly is discussing with the UN Resident Coordinator Office the modalities for establishing a specialized body on SDGs.

Norway	Outcomes of the 141st IPU Assembly (Belgrade, October 2019)	The IPU Storting delegation submitted an annual report to the Storting (Parliament).
	Follow-up to UN agreements in the area of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control	The Storting follows the agreements in the area of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control through reports from the Government. One important issue is to make sure that the Government Pension Fund Global does not invest in companies that produce weapons that violate fundamental humanitarian principles covered by these treaties.
	Tenth anniversary of IPU's resolution <i>Youth participation in the democratic process</i>	Together with youth organizations, the Speaker has produced a guide for youth on how to participate in social debates.
Oman	Influence of the IPU on the work of Parliament in the past two years	A national centre was established in Oman to conduct research, oversee innovation and ensure that the most recent and up-to-date technologies are being used to support the transition to renewable energy, to optimize water use and minimize wastage.
Pakistan	Influence of the IPU on the work of Parliament in the past two years	The Senate has been working on legislation and oversight of executive policies. Bills on issues such as compulsory immunization, child marriage, maternity and paternity leave were introduced and passed by the Senate.
	Specific actions to implement the 2019 resolution <i>Achieving universal health coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensuring the right to health</i>	The Senate passed the Islamabad Compulsory Vaccination and Protection of Health Workers Bill in 2019, as an important step in addressing the health challenges facing the population.
	Capacity-building activities and advisory services	The Senate signed an MoU with the IPU to provide technical assistance to the Senate Secretariat, Senate Committees and Members.
	Contribution to the work of the United Nations Human Rights Council	The parliament passed the Zainab Alert, Response and Recovery Act (2020) and the Enforcement of Women's Property Rights Act (2020). The Senate has passed the Child Marriage Restrained (Amendment) Bill (2018).
	Tenth anniversary of IPU's resolution <i>Youth participation in the democratic process</i>	The Majlis-E-Shoora (Parliament) has a Young Parliamentarians Forum and holds special educational visits to and consultative sessions for the youth of Pakistan in the Majlis-E-Shoora.
Poland	Tenth anniversary of IPU's resolution <i>Youth participation in the democratic process</i>	The Sejm of Children and Youth (Youth Parliament) is organized with young deputies aged between 13 and 18. Their annual meeting is usually held on 1 June (International Children's Day) in the Plenary Hall of the Sejm (Lower House).

Qatar	Specific actions to implement the 2019 resolution <i>Achieving universal health coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensuring the right to health</i>	A parliamentary session, held in December 2019, discussed the State's draft public budget for the fiscal year 2020, which in turn included an allocation for the healthcare sector representing 11 per cent of the total expenditure in 2020. This allocation is intended to further ensure the availability of universal health coverage to the entire population of Qatar, in particular through the implementation of the National Health Strategy 2018–2022 and attainment of the Qatar National Vision 2030.
	Capacity-building activities and advisory services	The Shura Council (Parliament) coordinated with the IPU the organization of the 140th IPU Assembly in Doha in April 2019. A celebration of the 130th Anniversary of the IPU was held on the sidelines of the 7th Global Conference of Parliamentarians against Corruption (GOPAC) in Doha on 9 December 2019.
	Cooperation with the United Nations/Contribution to the work of the United Nations Human Rights Council	<p>The Shura Council signed an MoU with the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) as a framework for cooperation to enhance the role of parliaments in countering terrorism and, more specifically, to establish the Office of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Programme in Doha (February 2020, New York).</p> <p>Furthermore, the Shura Council is a member of the National Standing Committee responsible for the preparation of UPR reports. More than 17 laws were passed between the submission of the second UPR report in 2014 and the third report in 2019 on the establishment of a support and insurance fund for migrant workers, political asylum, permanent residency, domestic workers. Certain provisions of the Anti-Terrorism Law were also amended.</p>
Romania	Outcomes of the 141st IPU Assembly (Belgrade, October 2019)	The Senate undertook legislative initiatives on the rights of the child and established the Child Alert System; on disarmament – revised the law that regulates the regime of arms and ammunitions; on regional cooperation – ratified the Sixth Additional Protocol to the Agreement on the Multinational Peace Force South-Eastern Europe; took initiative on the establishment of the Directorate for the Investigation of Environmental Crimes as a specialized structure within the Public Prosecutor's Office (2020) and revised the Law on energy performance of buildings aimed at achieving a highly energy efficient and decarbonized national building stock by 2050.

	Specific actions to implement the 2019 resolution <i>Achieving universal health coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensuring the right to health</i>	Legislative actions were undertaken following the adoption of the resolution. These included: drafting the legislative proposal “Organization and financing of services for health promotion and disease prevention (2020)”; the establishment of the “National Day of the Premature Child – 17 November” (2019); the establishment of a minimal package of integrated community services (2019); and legislation on the prevention and early detection of diabetes (2020).
	Contribution to the work of the United Nations Human Rights Council	The Senate drafted a legislative proposal on human rights - amendments to the Law on the organization and functioning of the Romanian Institute for Human Rights; and amendments to the Law on preventing and combating domestic violence.
	Tenth anniversary of IPU’s resolution <i>Youth participation in the democratic process</i>	The Senate has a Youth Senate which meets on a yearly basis. The Chamber of Deputies has a standing committee specialized on youth issues – the Committee for Education, Science, Youth and Sport.
Russian Federation	Cooperation with the United Nations	The Council of the Federation cooperated with the United Nations on the resolution <i>Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union</i> adopted in 2018.
San Marino	Follow-up to UN agreements in the area of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control	The Great and General Council (Parliament) approved the Law on measures to prevent, counter and suppress the financing of terrorism, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the activities of countries that threaten international peace and security (28 March 2019), and the Decree “ <i>Approval of the Declaration pursuant to Article 2 of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons</i> (26 February 2021).
Serbia	Influence of the IPU on the work of Parliament in the past two years	The National Assembly hosted the 141st IPU Assembly in Belgrade. The final documents and outcomes were communicated to the Government, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Health, and Ministry of Environmental Protection.
	Cooperation with the United Nations	The National Assembly co-organized, with the IPU and the UNDP, a self-assessment exercise that evaluated the gender sensitivity of the National Assembly (December 2019, Belgrade). The exercise was based on the IPU Plan of Action for Gender-Sensitive Parliaments. Furthermore, a UNDP project on Strengthening Parliamentary Democracy has been renewed for the period 2020-2023.

	Contribution to the work of the United Nations Human Rights Council	A representative of the Committee on Human and Minority Rights and Gender Equality of the National Assembly is invited to the sessions of the Government Council established to monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the United Nations human rights mechanisms.
	2016 IPU resolution <i>The freedom of women to participate in political processes fully, safely and without interference: Building partnerships between men and women to achieve this objective</i>	The National Assembly adopted legislation in compliance with IPU recommendations such as the law amending the Law on the election of Members of Parliament and the Law on Local Elections in February 2020. The laws prescribe, among others, that at least 40 per cent of candidates on the electoral lists for parliamentarian and local elections must be candidates of the less represented gender. The National Assembly has an active Women's Parliamentary Network.
	Tenth anniversary of IPU's resolution <i>Youth participation in the democratic process</i>	The Law on Youth passed in 2011 stipulates that a Strategy for Youth be passed every ten years and that the State secure funds for its objectives. A Youth Council was founded in 2014 to serve as an advisory body to the government. A Fund for Young Talents was also set up to provide scholarships and awards for over 3,400 high school and university students. The National Assembly regularly organizes simulations of the National Assembly for high school and university students.
Seychelles	Influence of the IPU on the work of Parliament in the past two years	The National Assembly developed its own Environmental Sustainability Policy and created a Committee for its implementation. The Committee was instrumental in the implementation of environmental projects, such as the installation of solar panels on the parliament building's roof to reduce dependency on non-renewable energy.
	Capacity-building activities and advisory services	The National Assembly organized, in cooperation with the IPU, a capacity-building exercise on the topic "Promoting Parliamentary Actions for Green Recovery to COVID-19".
	Contribution to the work of the United Nations Human Rights Council	The Executive brought a Supplementary Appropriation Bill for 2020 to address the COVID-19 crisis and more than Rs1 billion were channelled in support of social welfare programmes and health services during the crisis.
	Follow-up to UN agreements in the area of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control	The National Assembly ratified the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (July 2021).

	2016 IPU resolution <i>The freedom of women to participate in political processes fully, safely and without interference: Building partnerships between men and women to achieve this objective</i>	<p>The parliamentary Women's Committee reviewed its Terms of Reference and changed its name to Women's Parliamentary Caucus.</p> <p>The National Assembly passed the Domestic Violence Act in 2020 which protects women and men against incidence of all kinds of violence.</p>
Slovakia	Contribution to the work of the United Nations Human Rights Council	<p>Human rights standards were limited during the pandemic, when the Government declared a state of emergency to protect the public health. The state of emergency was extended several times to curb the spread of the virus. The extension of the state of emergency had to be approved by the National Council within 20 days from the first day of the extended state of emergency. This parliamentary control was included in the Act on State Security in December 2020.</p> <p>In November 2020 the National Council's Committee for health obliged the Government to start publishing complete data on COVID-19 on a daily basis.</p>
	IPU's Hanoi Declaration <i>The Sustainable Development Goals: Turning Words into Action</i>	The National Council debated in January 2021 the Report on the preparation of legislative measures to mitigate climate change and its effects which lists legislative and non-legislative measures at the national level concerning climate change and its effects on the country. The aim was to pressure the government to pay increased attention to the promotion of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development.
Slovenia	2016 IPU resolution <i>The freedom of women to participate in political processes fully, safely and without interference: Building partnerships between men and women to achieve this objective</i>	The National Council established a Club of Women Parliamentarians.
South Africa	Specific actions to implement the 2019 resolution Achieving universal health coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensuring the right to health	The Health Ministry introduced the National Health Insurance Bill in Parliament in 2019, seeking to ensure the implementation of universal health coverage in South Africa by 2030. The Bill is being considered by the parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Health, the deadline for adoption being the end of 2021.
	Influence of the IPU on the work of Parliament in the past two years	Parliament held a hybrid joint sitting on the post-pandemic economic recovery and debated the address of the President of the country on the Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan (21 October 2020).

		Parliament has developed a practice of engaging South African ambassadors in countries hosting the IPU Assembly to discuss items on the agenda of the respective IPU Assembly.
	Capacity-building activities and advisory services	Parliamentary staff attended the training <i>Strengthening the capacities of parliamentary staff in sub-Saharan Africa to support engagement with women's children's and adolescents' health</i> (24 June–2 July 2020), as well as an Information seminar on the structure and functioning of the IPU for English-speaking participants (22–26 March 2021).
	Contribution to the work of the United Nations Human Rights Council	The Portfolio Committee on Women, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities of Parliament held a virtual meeting with a group of disability activists (Inclusive Practices Africa (IPA)) with the purpose of discussing the need to implement a disability-inclusive COVID-19 disaster strategy.
	Follow-up to UN agreements in the area of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control	Parliament ratified the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in 2018.
	2016 IPU resolution <i>The freedom of women to participate in political processes fully, safely and without interference: Building partnerships between men and women to achieve this objective</i>	<p>The share of seats held by women in Parliament increased from 11 per cent in 1994 to 46 per cent in 2019. Voluntary party quotas, combined with a proportional representation electoral system, played a significant role in improving women's representation.</p> <p>Parliament established the Multi-Party Women's Caucus, which is a platform for women parliamentarians to champion gender equality and women's issues in and outside of Parliament.</p>
South Sudan	Interaction with the UN	The women's caucus usually attends the United Nations General Assembly.
Spain	IPU's Hanoi Declaration <i>The Sustainable Development Goals: Turning Words into Action</i>	The Cortes (Parliament) has a Commission for the Coordination and Monitoring of the Spanish Strategy to attain the SDGs.
Suriname	Influence of the IPU on the work of Parliament in the past two years	The National Assembly hosted the Climate Change Conference of the IPU in November 2018.

Sweden	Influence of the IPU on the work of Parliament in the past two years	<p>The Riksdag (Parliament) hosted a seminar on the United Nations and its 75th Anniversary (22 October 2020).</p> <p>The IPU Swedish Group of the Swedish Riksdag has made the promotion of human rights one of its core priorities in its 2018–2022 strategy. In this regard, the IPU Swedish Group has taken steps with a view to engaging in a dialogue with the parliamentary groups of Venezuela and Tanzania to the IPU.</p>
Switzerland	Outcomes of the 142nd IPU Assembly (Virtual, May 2021)	The IPU Swiss Group produces annual reports on its activities which is presented to the two foreign policy committees of the Federal Assembly. The report is adopted in plenary by both chambers (National Council and Council of States).
	Specific actions to implement the 2019 resolution <i>Achieving universal health coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensuring the right to health</i>	<p>In 2019, Switzerland actively participated in international discussions on universal health coverage and succeeded in focusing on issues on patient safety, quality of health services, sustainable financing of care, and ensuring universal health coverage in emergency situations.</p> <p>Based on the 2019–2024 foreign health policy, Switzerland is specifically committed internationally to ensuring universal health coverage in emergencies and has launched an initiative towards this end.</p> <p>Switzerland participates in the WHO to improve the international system for the detection, monitoring, prevention and control of communicable diseases.</p>
	Contribution to the work of the United Nations Human Rights Council	The National Council and Council of States drafted the COVID-19 law on the extension of COVID-19related measures which was adopted by the Federal Assembly in September 2020.
Tajikistan	2016 IPU resolution <i>The freedom of women to participate in political processes fully, safely and without interference: Building partnerships between men and women to achieve this objective</i>	Eight out of 33 members of the Majlisi Milli (upper chamber of the Supreme Council) are women.
Thailand	Specific actions to implement the 2019 resolution <i>Achieving universal health coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensuring the right to health</i>	The National Assembly ensured a steady increase in budgetary allocations for the National Health Security Fund to finance the national UHC system during the period 2020-2021.

	Influence of the IPU on the work of Parliament in the past two years	<p>A significant new addition to the Rules of the Thai IPU National Group, has been made requiring that in the selection of the members of the Executive Board of the Thai IPU National Group the gender-balance principle taken into account and that a reasonable proportion of young MPs be taken into consideration.</p> <p>A parliamentary caucus for young MPs was established for the first time in Thailand (September 2020).</p>
	Interaction with the United Nations	<p>In 2020, Thailand's office holders in the IPU contributed to the revised text of the UN75 Declaration and the 2020 HLPF Ministerial Declaration.</p> <p>The Secretariat of the House of Representatives and the UNDP Thailand signed an MoU in 2020 to promote awareness raising and capacity-building on SDGs among MPs and parliamentary staff.</p>
	Follow-up to UN agreements in the area of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control	The National Assembly approved the instruments of ratification of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in 2017 and of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty in 2018.
	2016 IPU resolution <i>The freedom of women to participate in political processes fully, safely and without interference: Building partnerships between men and women to achieve this objective</i>	<p>The Constitution and the Organic Law on Political Parties require Thai political parties to take gender balance into consideration when making the lists of their MP candidates.</p> <p>The Code of Ethics for Parliamentarians (2019) and Code of Ethics for Parliamentary Officials prohibit all forms of sexual harassment against women in parliament.</p> <p>Since 1996, the Thai Women Parliamentarians Caucus has played an active role in promoting women empowerment.</p>
	IPU's Hanoi Declaration <i>The Sustainable Development Goals: Turning Words into Action</i>	The National Council contributed to Thailand's VNR report, presented to the United Nations during the 2021 HLPF in New York.
Timor-Leste	IPU's Hanoi Declaration <i>The Sustainable Development Goals: Turning Words into Action</i>	The Government launched <i>Timor-Leste's Roadmap for the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs</i> , during the Global Conference on the 2030 Agenda (Dili, 22 May 2017).

Togo	2016 IPU resolution <i>The freedom of women to participate in political processes fully, safely and without interference: Building partnerships between men and women to achieve this objective</i>	The National Assembly has established a caucus of women parliamentarians.
	IPU's Hanoi Declaration <i>The Sustainable Development Goals: Turning Words into Action</i>	The National Assembly has established a commission dedicated to the promotion of SDGs.
Turkey	Interaction with the United Nations	MPs are included regularly in the delegations of the President at the United Nations General Assembly. Moreover, members of the IPU Turkish delegations attend HLPF meetings.
	2016 IPU resolution <i>The freedom of women to participate in political processes fully, safely and without interference: Building partnerships between men and women to achieve this objective</i>	An ad-hoc Enquiry Committee on the root causes of violence against women and on preventative measures was established (March 2021).
Turkmenistan	Outcomes of the 142nd IPU Assembly (Virtual, May 2021)	The Committee on international and inter-parliamentary relations of the National Council organized a briefing for the MPs on the outcomes of the virtual 142nd IPU Assembly
	Specific actions to implement the 2019 resolution <i>Achieving universal health coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensuring the right to health</i>	The National Council organized a meeting of Speakers of Parliament on the theme "The role of parliaments in ensuring peace and trust" (28 April 2021), which discussed questions related to universal health coverage.
	2016 IPU resolution <i>The freedom of women to participate in political processes fully, safely and without interference: Building partnerships between men and women to achieve this objective</i>	The National Council became bicameral which also allowed for an increase in the representation of women. In the Mejlis (Assembly) women represented 25 per cent of parliamentarians, whereas in the new chamber Halk Maslahaty (People's Council), women make up 30 per cent. The Chairpersons of two committees in the new chamber are women.
	IPU's Hanoi Declaration <i>The Sustainable Development Goals: Turning Words into Action</i>	The Mejlis (Assembly) established a commission for the implementation of the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda.
Uganda	Specific actions to implement the 2019 resolution <i>Achieving universal health coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensuring the right to health</i>	Parliament ensured increased budgetary allocations to the health sector and passed laws such as the National Health Insurance Scheme Act.

	Influence of the IPU on the work of Parliament in the past two years	Former IPU President Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron visited Parliament on 24 January 2020 in order to mark 130 years of the IPU. This included a public display of the work of Parliament and of the IPU. Moreover, a tree was planted in the garden of the parliament to mark 130 years of the IPU.
	Contribution to the work of the United Nations Human Rights Council	Parliament established a special COVID-19 Task Force Committee to focus on human rights issues in the context of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
	2016 IPU resolution <i>The freedom of women to participate in political processes fully, safely and without interference: Building partnerships between men and women to achieve this objective</i>	Every district in Uganda has a woman representative which has increased the number of women in the parliament to 188 out of 558 members. Moreover, Parliament passed the Succession Act, the Domestic Violence Act, the Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation Act and the Prevention of Trafficking in Persons Act. Parliament has a Committee on Gender, Labour and Social Development and a Uganda Women Parliamentary Association.
	IPU's Hanoi Declaration <i>The Sustainable Development Goals: Turning Words into Action</i>	Parliament established a committee on climate change and has a mechanism to track and report progress towards SDGs during the budget sector scrutiny.
Ukraine	Capacity-building activities and advisory services	Parliament received advisory assistance in its premises on the occasion of the exhibition dedicated to the 130th Anniversary of the IPU.
	2016 IPU resolution <i>The freedom of women to participate in political processes fully, safely and without interference: Building partnerships between men and women to achieve this objective</i>	A new Electoral code entered into force which provides a 40 per cent gender quota on party candidates lists (1 January 2020).
	IPU's Hanoi Declaration <i>The Sustainable Development Goals: Turning Words into Action</i>	In the past two years, Parliament adopted more than 10 laws mostly covering SDGs 3, 5, 6, 9, and 13. The laws focused on the reform of the health care system, development of infrastructure and digitalization, preservation of nature and ecology, and assuring gender equality.
United Arab Emirates	Specific actions to implement the 2019 resolution <i>Achieving universal health coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensuring the right to health</i>	The Federal National Council approved a federal draft law on public health, which aims to establish a system for managing health risks (May 2020).
	Influence of the IPU on the work of Parliament in the past two years	The UAE has updated its labour law to require equal pay for men and women who perform "the same work" or work of "equal value". The UAE also rolled out an initiative aimed at achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

	2016 IPU resolution <i>The freedom of women to participate in political processes fully, safely and without interference: Building partnerships between men and women to achieve this objective</i>	The President of the country issued Presidential Resolution No. (1) of 2019 on raising women's representation in the Federal National Council (FNC) to 50 per cent.
	IPU's Hanoi Declaration <i>The Sustainable Development Goals: Turning Words into Action</i>	The Federal National Council approved the UAE federal budget for programmes that support SDGs, with significant allocations to the education sector (14.8% of the federal budget) and the health sector.
United Kingdom	Specific actions to implement the 2019 resolution <i>Achieving universal health coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensuring the right to health</i>	The UK has in place universal health coverage through the National Health Service.
	Influence of the IPU on the work of Parliament in the past two years	Parliament has written to the Foreign Secretary to raise the decision of the IPU Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians and other IPU matters, and has also hosted an event on fighting corruption with Transparency International UK Branch.
	Contribution to the work of the United Nations Human Rights Council	The Joint Committee on Human Rights of Parliament carried out an inquiry into the Human Rights implications of UK Government responses following the COVID-19 pandemic.
	Follow-up to UN agreements in the area of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control	An inquiry was held by the House of Lords International Relations Committee into nuclear weapons issues in July 2019. The BGIPU hosted an event to launch the IPU publication <i>Assuring our Common Future</i> in March 2021.
	2016 IPU resolution <i>The freedom of women to participate in political processes fully, safely and without interference: Building partnerships between men and women to achieve this objective</i>	Parliament paid close attention to and undertook comprehensive action to address sexual harassment and bullying, hosted awareness raising events and carried out a gender-sensitive audit undertaken with IPU support.
Uruguay	2016 IPU resolution <i>The freedom of women to participate in political processes fully, safely and without interference: Building partnerships between men and women to achieve this objective</i>	The General Assembly passed a law regulating the political participation of women in all elective positions in the country (October 2017), and also established a Special Commission on Human Rights, Equity and Gender.
Viet Nam	Outcomes of the 142nd IPU Assembly (Virtual, May 2021)	The National Assembly sent a report to and informed the parliamentary committees of the outcomes of the virtual 142nd IPU Assembly.
	Contribution to the work of the United Nations Human Rights Council	The National Assembly works to ensure that the government action to address the COVID-19 pandemic took account of human rights standards and obligations.

Yemen	Outcomes of the 142nd IPU Assembly (Virtual, May 2021)	The Presidency of the House of Representatives held a number of meetings dedicated to reviewing, discussing and following up on the results of the 142nd IPU Assembly. The Presidency of the House of Representatives valued the resolutions issued by IPU Governing Council on Yemen.
	2016 IPU resolution <i>The freedom of women to participate in political processes fully, safely and without interference: Building partnerships between men and women to achieve this objective</i>	The issue of women's freedom in political participation became very important in Parliament, and the basic elements to this effect were included in the National Dialogue Outcomes Document. A quota of 30 per cent of women in state institutions and Parliament will be put in place and translated into practice when peace, stability and the state institutions in Yemen are restored.
	IPU's Hanoi Declaration <i>The Sustainable Development Goals: Turning Words into Action</i>	The House of Representatives is working to harmonize its legislative and oversight functions to ensure the achievement of the desired SDGs.
Zimbabwe	Influence of the IPU on the work of Parliament in the past two years	To create a nuclear-weapons-free zone in Africa, Zimbabwe has been encouraging African countries that had not yet done so to sign and ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. Zimbabwe's ratification of the CTBT is evidence of its commitment to nuclear disarmament.