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## Forum of Young Parliamentarians

### Agenda

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Opening remarks**
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 November 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.

4. **Contribution to the work of the 144th 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 144th Assembly
- The draft resolutions under consideration at the 144th Assembly, entitled *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.

5. **Putting the *I Say Yes to Youth in Parliament!* campaign into action: Q&A session on youth quotas**

The *I Say Yes to Youth in Parliament!* campaign calls on parliamentarians and others to take one or more of the six pledges identified by young MPs to be most impactful in enhancing youth participation in parliament. The Forum of Young Parliamentarians is holding a series of sessions to dig deeper into each of the six campaign pledges to empower young MPs to learn from each other and to take action. At the 143rd Assembly in Madrid, the Forum focused on the pledge pertaining to supporting youth channels in parliament and explored caucuses of young MPs in particular.

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At this 144th Assembly, the Forum will have a Q&A session on the pledge pertaining to promoting youth quotas in parliament.

Many countries have instituted quota systems to increase youth representation in parliament. Youth quotas in place include reserved seats, legislated candidate quotas or political party quotas. Although relatively new, youth quotas have proven to be effective where they exist, especially when they are ambitious, target young adults and are coupled with sanctions to ensure their implementation. IPU research shows that four countries have youth quotas based on reserved seats, five countries have legislated candidate quotas, and eighteen countries have party quotas.

The objective of the Q&A session is to offer a platform for young MPs to report on the use of quotas in their countries, as well as to provide a platform for those aspiring to promote quotas in their own countries to learn from others.

Young parliamentarians are invited to come prepared to share experiences on one of the following questions in three minutes:

- What results are existing youth quotas yielding in terms of youth representation in parliament?
- How can youth quotas be most ambitious?
- How do youth quotas interact with other possible existing quotas, such as gender quotas?
- How can we make youth quotas more effective?
- How can young MPs mobilize political support to bring about youth quotas both in legislation and within political parties?

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

## **6. Preparations for the 145th Assembly (October 2022)**

As per usual practice, the Forum will prepare for the 145th Assembly by discussing from a youth perspective the resolution on the agenda of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights: *Parliamentary impetus to local and regional development of countries with high levels of international migration and to stopping all forms, including state-sponsored, of human trafficking and human rights abuses*. 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 this item to the Standing Committee.

## **7. Election to the Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians**

The Forum will elect **one Board member from the Arab Group** to replace Mr. Al Kattan (Kuwait) who is no longer a member of the Board.

The Arab Group has nominated one young parliamentarian (male) from Kuwait to replace Mr. Al Kattan. The Forum will be invited to elect the nominated candidate to the Board.

## **8. Any other business**