Indicators for democratic parliaments, based on SDG targets 16.6 and 16.7

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Structure of the Preliminary version of the Indicators

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SDG Target 16.6 – Effective, accountable and transparent parliament

Sub-target 1 - Effective parliament

- **Indicator 1.1 – Parliamentary autonomy**
  Dimension 1.1.1 Institutional autonomy
  Dimension 1.1.2 Procedural autonomy
  Dimension 1.1.3 Budgetary autonomy
  Dimension 1.1.4 Administrative autonomy

- **Indicator 1.2 – Members of parliament**
  Dimension 1.2.1 Status of MPs
  Dimension 1.2.2 Inviolability and immunity
  Dimension 1.2.3 Incompatibility of office
  Dimension 1.2.4 Access to resources
  Dimension 1.2.5 Professional development

- **Indicator 1.3 – Parliamentary procedures**
  Dimension 1.3.1 Institutional framework
  Dimension 1.3.2 Rules of procedures
  Dimension 1.3.3 Procedures in times of crisis
  Dimension 1.3.4 Calendar/timetabling/planning
  Dimension 1.3.5 Convening sessions and agenda-setting
  Dimension 1.3.6 Quorum
  Dimension 1.3.7 Debate
  Dimension 1.3.8 Voting
  Dimension 1.3.9 Records
  Dimension 1.3.10 Dissolution

- **Indicator 1.4 – Parliamentary organization**
  Dimension 1.4.1 Plenary
  Dimension 1.4.2 Speaker/presiding officer
  Dimension 1.4.3 Bureau/presidium
  Dimension 1.4.4 Committees
  Dimension 1.4.5 Parliamentary (party) groups
  Dimension 1.4.6 Cross-party groups

- **Indicator 1.5 – Administrative capacity and independence**
  Dimension 1.5.1 Parliamentary administration and human resources management
  Dimension 1.5.2 Policy analysis, research and library services
  Dimension 1.5.3 Infrastructure
  Dimension 1.5.4 Innovation and digital technologies
Dimension 1.5.5 Information management

- **Indicator 1.6 – Law-making**
  - Dimension 1.6.1 Powers in law-making
  - Dimension 1.6.2 Constitution-making and amendment
  - Dimension 1.6.3 Legislative procedure
  - Dimension 1.6.4 Legislative drafting
  - Dimension 1.6.5 Enactment
  - Dimension 1.6.6 Publication
  - Dimension 1.6.7 Post-legislative scrutiny (PLS)

- **Indicator 1.7 – Oversight**
  - Dimension 1.7.1 Election, confidence, no-confidence, censure or impeachment of the head of state or government and/or ministers
  - Dimension 1.7.2 Parliamentary access to information from government
  - Dimension 1.7.3 Summoning ministers and other government representatives in committees
  - Dimension 1.7.4 Summoning officials in chamber (interpellations)
  - Dimension 1.7.5 Questions
  - Dimension 1.7.6 Hearings
  - Dimension 1.7.7 Committees of inquiry

- **Indicator 1.8 – Budget**
  - Dimension 1.8.1 Formulation, examination, amendment and approval
  - Dimension 1.8.2 Ex-post control
  - Dimension 1.8.3 Public accounts committee
  - Dimension 1.8.4 Expert support
  - Dimension 1.8.5 Supreme audit institution

- **Indicator 1.9 – Representational function**
  - Dimension 1.9.1 Opposition
  - Dimension 1.9.2 Constituent relations

- **Indicator 1.10 – Relations of parliament**
  - Dimension 1.10.1 Executive
  - Dimension 1.10.2 Judiciary
  - Dimension 1.10.3 Sub-national parliaments and authorities, and local councils and authorities

- **Indicator 1.11 – Specific state policies**
  - Dimension 1.11.1 SDGs and the 2030 Agenda
  - Dimension 1.11.2 Human rights
  - Dimension 1.11.3 Security sector
  - Dimension 1.11.4 Defence policy
  - Dimension 1.11.5 Foreign affairs
  - Dimension 1.11.6 Parliamentary diplomacy and inter-parliamentary cooperation

**Sub-target 2 - Accountable parliament**

- **Indicator 2.1 – Parliamentary ethics**
  - Dimension 2.1.1 Anti-corruption
  - Dimension 2.1.2 Code of conduct
  - Dimension 2.1.3 Conflict of interest
  - Dimension 2.1.4 Disclosure of parliamentary income and expenditure
Dimension 2.1.5 Lobbying

- **Indicator 2.2 – Institutional integrity**
  - Dimension 2.2.1 Parliamentary expenditure
  - Dimension 2.2.2 Public procurement
  - Dimension 2.2.3 Access to information
  - Dimension 2.2.4 Reporting on parliamentary work
  - Dimension 2.2.5 Staff recruitment and advancement
  - Dimension 2.2.6 Professionalism of parliamentary administration

Sub-target 3 - Transparent parliament

- **Indicator 3.1 – Transparency of parliamentary processes**
  - Dimension 3.1.1 Transparency of parliamentary work
  - Dimension 3.1.2 Transparency of the legislative process
  - Dimension 3.1.3 Budgetary transparency

- **Indicator 3.2 – Parliamentary communication**
  - Dimension 3.2.1 Parliamentary website
  - Dimension 3.2.2 Other channels for informing the public

- **Indicator 3.3 – Access to parliament**
  - Dimension 3.3.1 Openness of parliamentary venues and events to citizens
  - Dimension 3.3.2 Accessibility standards
  - Dimension 3.3.3 Media access to parliament

SDG Target 16.7 – Responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative parliament

Sub-target 4 - Responsive parliament

- **Indicator 4.1 – Valuing public concerns**
  - Dimension 4.1.1 Responding to public concerns
  - Dimension 4.1.2 Responding to emerging policy issues
  - Dimension 4.1.3 Responding to individual members of the public, including constituents

Sub-target 5 - Inclusive parliament

- **Indicator 5.1 – Inclusive legislation and oversight**
  - Dimension 5.1.1 Human rights-based legislation and policies
  - Dimension 5.1.2 Impact assessments
  - Dimension 5.1.3 Gender mainstreaming
  - Dimension 5.1.4 Gender-responsive budgeting
  - Dimension 5.1.5 Youth engagement

- **Indicator 5.2 – Inclusive institutional practices**
  - Dimension 5.2.1 Workforce diversity
  - Dimension 5.2.2 Gender balance in the composition of the parliamentary secretariat
  - Dimension 5.2.3 Multilingual service delivery
  - Dimension 5.2.4 Workplace environment
Sub-target 6 - Participatory parliament

- **Indicator 6.1 – Parliamentary environment for public participation**
  Dimension 6.1.1 Regulatory framework for public participation
  Dimension 6.1.2 Mechanisms and tools for public participation

- **Indicator 6.2 – Participation in parliamentary process**
  Dimension 6.2.1 Citizens' legislative initiative
  Dimension 6.2.2 Participation in parliamentary bodies
  Dimension 6.2.3 Public consultation on draft legislation
  Dimension 6.2.4 Public participation in the budget cycle
  Dimension 6.2.5 Public participation in parliamentary oversight
  Dimension 6.2.6 Expert consultation

- **Indicator 6.3 – Other forms of public engagement**
  Dimension 6.3.1 Partnerships for participation – consultation with civil society organizations
  Dimension 6.3.2 Civic education

Sub-target 7 - Representative parliament

- **Indicator 7.1 – Electoral integrity**
  Dimension 7.1.1 Voting and election rights
  Dimension 7.1.2 Candidature, party and campaign rights and responsibilities
  Dimension 7.1.3 Public authorities' roles in elections

- **Indicator 7.2 – Composition of legislature**
  Dimension 7.2.1 Representing diversity of political opinion
  Dimension 7.2.2 Gender
  Dimension 7.2.3 Youth
  Dimension 7.2.4 Other under-represented groups

- **Indicator 7.3 – Composition of parliamentary bodies**
  Dimension 7.3.1 Composition of parliamentary leadership
  Dimension 7.3.2 Composition of committees
  Dimension 7.3.3 Gender and age balance in the composition of parliamentary bodies