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## Draft agenda

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Approval of the summary records of the Committee's session held at the 144th IPU Assembly in Nusa Dua (March 2022)**

3. **Elections to the Bureau**

The Committee will fill the existing vacancies on the Bureau based on proposals received from the geopolitical groups.

4. **Panel discussion on the theme *The impact of war and atrocity on civilian populations***

War is not only a military affair, and the impacts of war are not exclusively felt by combatants. Conflicts of all kinds engender terrible consequences for civilians, and women and children are often the worst affected. These effects are often hard to quantify and fluctuate greatly from conflict to conflict. In extreme cases, in addition to the already devastating suffering of war, civilians suffer the unjustifiable weight of serious breaches of international humanitarian law ranging from war crimes to crimes against humanity and even genocide. Participants will discuss the possible channels of action available to parliaments to contribute to the mediation of conflicts, and to the prevention of terrible and multiple violations of human rights and/or international humanitarian law affecting civilian populations.

5. **Panel discussion on the theme *War and climate change as triggers of global food insecurity***

One of the SDGs is to end hunger, food insecurity and all forms of malnutrition by 2030. It was hoped that centuries of progress in agricultural and trading technologies could be accelerated, at scale, to put the world on track to achieve that goal. Yet, things have not generally been evolving in that way. Conflicts have caused food shortages and severe disruption of economic activities, threatening the means of survival of local and foreign populations. At the same time, climate change is contributing to reduced crop yields in certain regions of the world, affecting harvests and increasing the price volatility of agricultural products. Consequently, the further fragilization of an already unstable food supply creates tensions worldwide and triggers additional conflicts. The Committee will examine how IPU Members could reinforce global food supply by identifying specific actions that parliamentarians and parliaments could take to effectively combat the major drivers that are slowing down progress in achieving food security.

**6. Expert hearing on the theme *Cyberattacks and cybercrimes: The new risks to global security***

One of the outcomes of the COVID-19 pandemic has been rapid and enforced digitalization, which has opened up new spaces allowing people to maintain social and professional links. But such spaces are showing a dangerous side as cybercriminals have increased their scope of action through the use of new cyberattack systems. Cyberattacks can be used to wage war at periods of maximum tension, targeting critical infrastructures and putting societies at risk. They can also take the form of massive disinformation and propaganda campaigns. The Committee wished to place this subject on its agenda with the intention of adopting a resolution on the topic at the 146th IPU Assembly. In preparation for that resolution, the Committee will hold an expert hearing to inform members of the risks of cybercrimes and cyberattacks and the measures and actions parliaments can deploy, in terms of legislation, policy development and oversight, to fight against them. The co-Rapporteurs will draw on the hearing and the subsequent debate as they write the first draft of the resolution.

**7. Any other business**