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Draft agenda

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

3. **The UN response to growing hunger and famine**

Hunger and starvation are worsening around the world because of growing conflict, runaway climate change, and the economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic. This year's conflict in Ukraine has added to this dramatic outlook.

Of the 811 million people who go to bed hungry every day, the number of those experiencing extreme food insecurity has more than doubled in the past few years, from 135 to 276 million people, while those experiencing emergency levels of hunger has risen to 49 million people.

The World Food Programme (WFP) is at the forefront of the humanitarian effort to provide food to those in urgent need, whereas the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) helps governments and development agencies coordinate their activities to improve and develop agriculture as well as land and water resources.

How are these two UN system organizations working in practice and what are the challenges they face in delivering on their complementary mandates?

4. **The UN field presence in support of national development: The case of Rwanda**

Over the years, the IPU has advocated for a closer relationship between UN field operations (Country Team of UN agencies and programmes led by the Resident Coordinator) and the host country's parliament as a way of building stronger accountability and buy-in for the UN's development work. Developing an organic relationship between the UNCT and the parliament is not always easy due to a lack of resources, fears of political interference and other factors.

This session will feature a discussion on the role of the Resident Coordinator and the UN Country Team vis-à-vis the government and the parliament. The case of Rwanda will illustrate the key institutional processes involved and the nature of the work that the UN carries out in the field.

5. **Elections to the Bureau**

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

6. **Any other business**