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Special accountability segment of the General Debate: Follow-up actions by Members on IPU resolutions and other decisions

Friday, 14 October 2022, 14:30 – 18:30 Auditorium, first floor, KCC

Concept note

The IPU Strategy for 2022-2026 requires strong accountability from both Member Parliaments and the Secretariat:

"Reinforcing and sustaining a culture of trust and mutual accountability on all levels – for and between Member Parliaments, between Member Parliaments and the IPU Secretariat, and within the Secretariat – is both a key organizational value and a critical factor in ensuring that progress towards all strategic objectives is sustained and occurs in a transparent and democratic manner."

This emphasis, as reflected in the fifth strategic objective, builds on the statutory provisions of the Organization, according to which all Members are expected to submit an annual report of their activities in follow-up to IPU decisions. As noted in Article 7 of the IPU Statutes:

"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."

Annual reports based on information received from Members are submitted to the Governing Council by the Secretary General – the 2022 report will be made available on the <u>Assembly webpage</u>. The IPU President and Secretary General are keen to actively engage the membership in this important exercise. As such, during the General Debate of the 145th Assembly in Kigali, time will be set aside for Members to report directly on good practices and activities they have undertaken in follow-up to the decisions from previous IPU Assemblies, including:

- (a) The Nusa Dua Declaration: <u>Getting to zero: Mobilizing parliaments to act on climate change.</u>
- (b) The resolution on <u>Peaceful resolution of the war in Ukraine, respecting</u> international law, the Charter of the United Nations and territorial integrity.
- (c) The resolution on <u>Rethinking and reframing the approach to peace processes with</u> a view to fostering lasting peace.
- (d) The resolution on <u>Leveraging Information and Communication Technology as an</u> enabler for the education sector, including in times of pandemic.
- (e) The decisions on the human rights of parliamentarians

All delegations are invited to contribute to this special session with brief interventions (maximum three minutes) highlighting the most relevant aspects of their work, as well as recommendations to further enhance the implementation process. Photos and short video recordings of activities organized by parliaments in follow-up to IPU decisions are also most welcome, and will be screened during the special session.

Delegations are invited to pre-register for this segment by emailing members@ipu.org.