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Forum of Young Parliamentarians

Provisional 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.

An overview of what the IPU has done since March 2022 to support youth participation and the activities planned for 2022 and 2023 will be provided. Members of the Forum will be invited to discuss both these past and planned future activities.

The Forum will hear of coming youth-related events from partner organizations.

4. **Contribution to the work of the 145th 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 145th Assembly, entitled *Gender equality and gender-sensitive parliaments as drivers of change for a more resilient and peaceful world*
- The draft resolution under consideration at the 145th Assembly, entitled *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*, to be considered by the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights.

5. **Putting the *I Say Yes to Youth in Parliament!* campaign into action: Q&A session on mentoring and empowering young aspirants to parliament**

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 learn from each other and to act for youth participation. At the 143rd Assembly in Madrid, the Forum focused on Pledge 3 of the campaign pertaining to supporting youth channels in parliament. At the 144th Assembly in Nusa Dua, a similar session was held on Pledge 1 of the campaign pertaining to the promotion of youth quotas.

At this 145th Assembly, the Forum will have a Q&A session on Pledge 5 of the campaign pertaining to mentoring young aspirants to parliamentary office.

Practices to engage young aspirants in politics exist in many countries. They can serve as opportunities to mentor young people and provide steppingstones for their future political pursuits. They can be formal, such as official mentorship programmes, reserved seats in parliaments for leaders of youth parliaments, and political party youth wings. They can also be less formal, such as individual mentoring by MPs, ad hoc events for young people in parliament and meetings with youth-like mock parliaments.

The objective of the Q&A session is to offer a platform for young MPs to report on their and/or their parliament's experiences and practices in mentoring and empowering young aspirants to political office, as well as to provide a platform for those keen to do more in their own countries by learning from others.

Young parliamentarians are invited to come prepared to share experiences on one of the following questions (speaking time of three minutes):

- What practices – either formal or informal – have proven successful in mentoring or empowering young aspirants in your countries? This can include mentorship programmes, youth parliaments, or more simply individual mentoring.
- What are the challenges to establishing mentorship or empowerment initiatives in your parliament, or advancing existing ones to new heights?
- How can young parliamentarians encourage more senior parliamentarians to also be active in engaging with young aspirants?

Young MPs are encouraged to share in writing more thorough contributions to one or more of the questions listed above.

6. Preparations for the 146th Assembly (March 2023)

As per usual practice, the Forum will prepare for the 146th Assembly by discussing from a youth perspective the forthcoming resolutions on the agendas of the IPU Standing Committees: *Cyberattacks and cybercrimes: The new risks to global security*, to be considered by the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security; and *Parliamentary efforts in achieving negative carbon balances of forests*, to be considered by the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development. 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 each of these subjects to the respective 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. M. Alajmi (Kuwait) who is no longer a member of the Board.

8. Any other business