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Briefing on youth, peace and security

The Empowerment Series

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Draft concept note

Context and rationale

The United Nations Security Council resolution [2250 \(2015\)](#) on Youth, Peace, and Security unanimously adopted in December 2015 was the first to recognize the essential role young people play in promoting and maintaining peace and security. The United Nations General Assembly reaffirmed the important and positive contribution that young people can make in sustaining peace and security through its unanimous support of its biennial resolution on Youth, disarmament and non-proliferation, adopted on 12 December 2019 and 6 December 2021.

Building on these resolutions the IPU works with young parliamentarians to help galvanize their action to prevent violent extremism and contribute to reconciliation and peacebuilding. The IPU organizes regional meetings to bring a parliamentary perspective to broader international efforts to enhance policies for youth, peace and security through the participation of young MPs at United Nations meetings and in research. In 2020, the IPU and several partners released [Assuring our Common Future](#), a handbook that focuses on parliamentary action to implement the agenda for disarmament [Securing our Common Future](#), released by the United Nations Secretary-General in 2018. This repository of parliamentary actions is a key resource for young MPs seeking a concise overview of the main issues relating to disarmament.

The youth, peace and security agenda is part of the IPU's overall work on peacebuilding and security, which also includes conflict prevention, disarmament and counter-terrorism. Recognizing the vital role of parliamentarians in maintaining international peace and security, the IPU places a strong focus on the human and common security approach. It is meant to guide parliamentary action related to peace and security which is one of the key policy goals in the new [IPU 2022-2026 Strategy](#). The strategy accords particular attention to the role of women and youth as key players in conflict resolution, peace-building and prevention of violence.

Leaning on the work of the IPU and its partners on youth, peace and security, the IPU is organizing the fourth online briefing of its Empowerment Series for young parliamentarians to assess the roles and opportunities that young MPs have in promoting youth, peace and security, and to discuss solutions from a policy-making perspective.

Objectives

The aims of the online briefing on youth, peace and security are to:

- Increase awareness about the youth, peace and security agenda and UNSCR 2250 (2015) among young parliamentarians.
- Inform young MPs about the IPU's work on peace and security, including the human and common security approach, disarmament and non-proliferation.
- Take stock of advances made and challenges faced in terms of youth, peace and security at the international and regional level, and identify possible legislation and policy-related solutions.
- Offer a platform to share good practices and policies among young parliamentarians.

Methodology

The fourth online session of the Empowerment Series for young parliamentarians will be organized in the form of a briefing by experts on youth, peace and security. It will be followed by a discussion among young MPs aimed at sharing good practices on policies and legislation on youth, peace and security.

Simultaneous interpretation will be available in English, French, Arabic and Spanish.

Date, virtual venue and time:

The online briefing will take place on Zoom, on 28 November 2022, from 13:00 to 15:00 CET (Geneva time).

Registration link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81106363957?pwd=YTJzMTVrRWx2TIJ4S0JYb1J3NTFoUT09>