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Standing Committee on
Democracy and Human Rights

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Provisional agenda

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Approval of the summary record of the Committee's session held at the 145th IPU Assembly in Kigali (October 2022)**
3. **Preparatory debate on the next resolution of the Standing Committee: *Orphanage trafficking: The role of parliaments in reducing harm***

Where children are recruited into orphanages to be exploited via profit, it is known as orphanage trafficking. Orphanage trafficking is a complex issue – on the surface it is an issue of supply and demand where a steady stream of volunteers and donors who wish to support orphaned children overseas creates a demand for a ready supply of children in institutions. To meet the demand, children are recruited or transferred from families for the purpose of exploitation or profit. Below the surface, however, is an enabling environment dependent on orphanage trafficking for its existence.

The preparatory debate will provide an opportunity for all Members to express their opinion on the issues to be included in the resolution. The contributions from Members will assist the co-Rapporteurs in drafting the resolution, which will be examined and finalized at the 147th IPU Assembly in October 2023.

4. **Debate on *Parliamentary impetus in favour of the fight against disinformation and hateful and discriminatory content in cyberspace***

Originally designed as a space of freedom and emancipation, the internet has become, over the years, a repository and distribution channel of hateful, discriminatory and dishonest content. At a time when democratic ideals are weakened, and even sometimes contested, it is essential to ensure that parliaments around the world endeavour to create a strong legislative framework to protect both individuals and institutions, in full respect of freedom of expression.

5. **Elections to the Bureau of the Standing Committee**

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

6. **Any other business**

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