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Uzbek-initiated United Nations General Assembly resolution on *Enhancing the role of parliaments in accelerating the achievement of the SDGs*

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The Inter-Parliamentary Union believes that parliaments, engaging with governments, will ensure effective implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The IPU is very pleased that the Uzbekistan government and its Ambassador to the United Nations, His Excellency Mr. Bakhtiyor Ibragimov, have initiated this General Assembly resolution on *Enhancing the role of parliaments in accelerating the achievement of the SDGs*.

It is the first resolution of its kind to focus solely on the important role of parliaments and the actions they need to take to help put the SDGs back on track.

The world must succeed in implementing this ambitious development agenda.

The IPU's 178 Member Parliaments and I are grateful for Uzbekistan's leadership in proposing this resolution.

My special thanks go to President Shavkat Mirziyoyev. I also want to thank Prof. Akmal Saidov, Deputy Speaker of the Uzbek Parliament and Vice-President of the IPU, for his strong contribution to the work of the IPU. I also want to thank Prof. Akmal Saidov, Deputy Speaker of the Uzbek Parliament and Vice-President of the IPU, for his strong contribution to the work of the IPU.

Congratulations Uzbekistan!

And thank you.