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

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Concept note

The impact of the work of the IPU depends greatly on how Member Parliaments follow up on the outcomes of Assemblies and other IPU activities and share details on results accomplished. Furthermore, the IPU 2022-2026 Strategy requires stronger accountability from both Member Parliaments and the IPU 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 strategic emphasis on accountability is also based on the statutory provisions of the IPU, which require all Members to report on activities in response to IPU decisions. Since 2017, the IPU Governing Council has decided to pursue an approach based on a predictable rotational cycle. Each year, a number of parliaments from each geopolitical group are designated to report on actions taken in follow-up to IPU decisions. An annual report based on information received from Members is submitted to the Assembly by the IPU Secretary General – the 2023 report will be made available on the Assembly webpage.

Additionally, parliaments are invited to share their experiences and perspectives with their peers, fostering collaborative exchange and engagement among the entire IPU Membership. As such, during the General Debate of the 147th Assembly in Luanda, time will be set aside for Members to share their good practices and activities they have undertaken in follow-up to the decisions from previous IPU Assemblies, including:

a) The Kigali Declaration: Gender equality and gender-sensitive parliaments as drivers of change for a more resilient and peaceful world
b) The IPU resolution on 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
c) The IPU resolution on the Condemnation of the invasion of Ukraine and of the subsequent annexation of territories, in defence of the territorial integrity of all States
d) The Manama Declaration: Promoting peaceful coexistence and inclusive societies: Fighting intolerance
e) The IPU resolution on Raising awareness and calling for action on the serious humanitarian crises affecting the peoples of Afghanistan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Ukraine, Yemen and other countries, and on the particular vulnerability of women and children
f) The IPU resolution on Cybercrimes: The new risks to global security
g) The IPU resolution on Parliamentary efforts in achieving negative carbon balances of forests
h) Decisions regarding 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 enhance the implementation process further. 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 mhg@ipu.org