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First sitting: Tuesday, 26 March 2024, 09:00 – 11:00

- 1. Adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Approval of the summary record of the Committee's session held at the 147th IPU Assembly in Luanda (October 2023)**
- 3. The new United Nations Youth Office: Ensuring a deeper engagement with young people**

Looking to strengthen young people's voices at the United Nations, in September 2022 the General Assembly established a Youth Office to lead engagement and advocacy for the advancement of youth issues across the United Nations and to promote the meaningful, inclusive and effective engagement of youth, youth-led and youth-focused organizations in the work of the United Nations. Dr. Felipe Paullier became Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs and the Youth Office became operational in late 2023.

This session will examine the objectives and working methods of the new Youth Office and discuss ways to ensure it can advance youth concerns effectively at the global level.

Second sitting: Tuesday, 26 March 2024, 14:30 – 16:30

- 4. The United Nations' humanitarian work: How sustainable is it?**

With a growing number of conflict theatres, natural disasters and other emergencies where human lives are on the line, the United Nations humanitarian apparatus is increasingly under strain. Agencies such as OCHA, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, UNRWA and others are operating in increasingly tough environments with limited resources.

Representatives from United Nations agencies will provide an overview of the United Nations' humanitarian work around the world, assessing challenges, including funding.
- 5. Parliamentary motion on Security Council reform**

Building on the Committee's debate on Security Council reform at the 147th Assembly in Luanda (October 2023), the Bureau of the Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs will present a motion providing a parliamentary perspective on the need to make the Security Council more effective as the chief United Nations deliberative body in matters of international security. The Committee will be invited to discuss and adopt the motion.
- 6. Elections to the Bureau of the Standing Committee**

The Committee will fill the current vacancies on the Bureau based on proposals received from the geopolitical groups.
- 7. Any other business**

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