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The IPU [2022-2026 Strategy](#) highlights transparency and accountability as key organizational values and critical factors in ensuring the achievement of the Organization's objectives. Indeed, the effectiveness of the IPU's functions and operations rests in the accountability of its Member Parliaments in translating the [resolutions and outcomes](#) they adopt into actionable policies that produce tangible societal benefits.

In response to an IPU outcome, a parliament may take a variety of actions, such as distributing it to relevant bodies, holding debates, and incorporating it into its legislative, budgetary and oversight processes. IPU decisions may inspire political will to take further action, influence public opinion on a specific subject, or place an issue on a parliament's agenda. Each parliament's actions are uniquely shaped by its national context and members.

For the third consecutive year, the IPU Assembly's General Debate will include a special accountability segment designed to facilitate an exchange of good practices, activities and actions among Member Parliaments. This segment is an opportunity for parliamentarians to showcase their progress, share experiences and learn from each other, thereby fostering a collaborative environment that enhances the overall effectiveness and accountability of the IPU.

For this edition of the special accountability segment of the General Debate, IPU Member Parliaments are invited to share good practices and actions they have undertaken to follow up on recent IPU decisions on the following three critical themes:

- (1) **Parliamentary solidarity to defend the human rights of parliamentarians:** This theme underscores the work of the IPU's [Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians](#). It brings to the forefront the collective effort required to protect parliamentarians worldwide who face challenges in the line of duty. Member Parliaments are invited to highlight their initiatives and strategies to reinforce parliamentary solidarity and follow up on the [decisions of the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians](#), resonating with the global need for protection against political persecution.
- (2) **Parliamentary engagement for the promotion of inclusive societies:** Building upon the principles of the [Manama Declaration](#) and [Marrakesh Communiqué](#), adopted by the IPU Membership in 2023, Member Parliaments are invited to share their good practices, innovative policies and actions that strengthen societal harmony and foster societies rooted in inclusivity, dialogue, tolerance and peaceful coexistence.
- (3) **Parliamentary action to tackle climate change:** In line with the momentum generated by the [Parliamentary Meeting at COP28](#) and the IPU [Parliaments for the Planet](#) campaign, as well as recent IPU decisions on [Parliamentary efforts in achieving negative carbon emission balances of forests](#) and [Getting to zero: Mobilizing parliaments to act on climate change](#), this theme seeks to spotlight the responsibility of Member Parliaments in supporting climate action. Member Parliaments are invited to report on good practices in legislation, budgets, and scrutiny of government measures to implement the Paris Agreement and other climate-relevant accords. Member Parliaments are also invited to share their plans to accelerate climate action by transitioning away from fossil fuels in energy systems and bolstering renewables and energy efficiency.

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All delegations are invited to contribute to this special session with brief interventions (maximum three minutes) highlighting the most relevant aspects of their work in **any of these three themes**, 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 segment.

Delegations are invited to pre-register for this segment by emailing mhg@ipu.org.