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## Overcoming the challenge of xenophobia together

Online meeting for parliamentarians organized jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

**Friday, 27 September 2024 – 15:00 – 17:00 CEST (Geneva time)**

### BACKGROUND

This online meeting will aim to bring together experts and diverse parliamentarians from all regions of the world to share insights, recommendations and lessons learned in tackling the rise in xenophobia and discrimination against migrants around the world. The contributions from parliamentarians will inform the consultation process in view of adopting authoritative guidance on xenophobia by the United Nations (UN) Committee for the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (CMW) and the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD).

Following a brief presentation by parliamentarians and experts, participants will be able to share examples of good practices, lessons learned and recommendations to be reflected in the guidelines to be adopted jointly by the CMW and the CERD. The event will be held online with interpretation in English and French (interpretation in Spanish and Arabic can be arranged upon request).

### PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

15:00–15:10

#### Welcoming remarks

- Ms. Fatimata Diallo, President of the CMW
- Mr. Martin Chungong, IPU Secretary General

15:10–15:40

#### Speakers presentations

Panellists will provide a brief introduction on the background to this consultation and will elaborate on the critical role that MPs play in overcoming the challenge of xenophobia in partnership with the United Nations and other stakeholders, including by supporting the CMW and its ratification campaign.

#### Speakers:

- Ms. Lia Quartapelle, Member of the Italian Parliament
- Mr. Pablo Ceriani, Member of the CMW
- Mr. Patrick Taran, President of Global Migration Policy Associates (GMPA) and co-author of the IPU handbook on migration, human rights and governance

15:40–16:50

#### Interactive discussion

16:50

#### Conclusion and closing remarks

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#### Annex – reading material

#### Final Report of the Parliamentary Conference on Migration:

<https://www.ipu.org/event/parliamentary-conference-migration#event-sub-page-documents/>

#### Draft outline of the Joint General Comment of the CMW and CERD on eradicating xenophobia:

<https://www.ipu.org/event/overcoming-challenge-xenophobia-together#event-sub-page-documents/>

#### IPU handbook on migration, human rights and governance:

[www.ipu.org/resources/publications/handbooks/2016-07/migration-human-rights-and-governance](http://www.ipu.org/resources/publications/handbooks/2016-07/migration-human-rights-and-governance)