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Concept note

Achieving greater accountability at all levels is a key component of the [IPU 2022-2026 Strategy](#). The impact of IPU outcomes adopted at statutory Assemblies and other meetings significantly depends on how Member Parliaments transform declared goals into tangible policy. An IPU resolution, declaration and/or decision may prompt a Member Parliament to take various actions, including disseminating it to all relevant stakeholders, holding debates in plenary or committees, incorporating it into its legislative, budgetary and oversight procedures, etc. IPU outcomes can stimulate political will for additional action on a given issue, influence MPs and public sentiment, and place a subject on a parliament's agenda.

Accountability within the IPU is also a binding commitment embedded in the [IPU Statutes and Rules](#). As per Article 7, it is the duty of IPU Members to stimulate the implementation of the Organization's resolutions and inform the IPU Secretariat as often and fully as possible of the steps taken and results obtained. To facilitate this process, the IPU Governing Council decided in 2017 to pursue an approach based on a [predictable rotational cycle](#). Each year, a number of parliaments from each geopolitical group are designated to complete a survey to report on actions taken in follow-up to IPU decisions. Based on information received from Member Parliaments, an annual report is submitted to the Assembly by the IPU Secretary General – the 2024 report will be made available on the [Assembly webpage](#).

In addition, to further foster a culture of mutual accountability and for the sixth consecutive IPU Assembly, the General Debate will include a dedicated special accountability segment. This session is designed to facilitate an open peer-to-peer exchange of insights, strategies and experiences among Member Parliaments. Delegations are invited to contribute to a collective pool of knowledge that can inspire other IPU Member Parliaments to take action by sharing their successes and challenges in taking action and implementing recent IPU decisions, including:

- (a) The Manama Declaration on [Promoting peaceful coexistence and inclusive societies: Fighting intolerance](#)
- (b) 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](#)
- (c) The IPU resolution on [Cybercrimes: The new risks to global security](#)
- (d) The IPU resolution on [Parliamentary efforts in achieving negative carbon emission balances of forests](#)
- (e) The Luanda Declaration on [Parliamentary action for peace, justice and strong institutions \(SDG 16\)](#)
- (f) The IPU resolution on [Orphanage trafficking: The role of parliaments in reducing harm](#)
- (g) Decisions of the [IPU Committee on 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 and 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.

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