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## Provisional agenda

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Approval of the summary records of the Committee's session held at the 148th IPU Assembly in Geneva (March 2024)**
3. **Panel discussion: *The role of parliamentarians in preventing conflicts over natural resources***

The role of parliamentarians in preventing conflicts over natural resources is often underestimated. Although conflicts are often perceived as purely political, they often have economic motivations, notably the exploitation of valuable resources such as timber, diamonds, gold and oil, or scarce resources such as fertile land and water. In addition, climate change is also seen as a “threat multiplier”, exacerbating the threats caused by persistent poverty or poor management of these resources. This panel discussion will provide parliamentarians with an opportunity to discuss solutions for preventing these conflicts and promoting peace.

4. **Panel discussion: *The role of parliamentarians in nuclear security***

Nuclear security goes beyond disarmament and concerns all countries, not just those that possess nuclear weapons or use nuclear technology for energy. Indeed, all nations, whether for medical, scientific or industrial reasons, possess a certain amount of radioactive material that must be protected. Parliamentarians play a key role in putting in place the main international agreements establishing the nuclear security architecture for radioactive materials. This panel discussion will provide participants with an opportunity to examine the benefits and challenges of joining these agreements, which are designed in particular to strengthen national efforts against nuclear terrorism, by requiring countries to protect their radioactive materials and criminalize malicious acts, while facilitating international cooperation on extradition and prosecution.

5. **Expert hearing on the theme *The role of parliaments in advancing a two-State solution in Palestine***

At a time when violence between Palestinians and Israelis is at its highest level for decades, voices have once again been raised in favour of a two-State solution, underlining that establishing peace and setting in motion a process for a mutually negotiated two-State solution requires political will, commitment and initiative on the part of the international community. It has also become clear that, before any political settlement can be reached, good governance, which gives priority to security, dignity, natural rights and the needs of the population, must take precedence over self-interest. In preparation for a resolution on the subject to be discussed and adopted at the 150th IPU Assembly, the Committee will organize an expert hearing to inform members about the history and different meanings of the term “two-State solution”, as well as the opportunities for parliaments to contribute to the advancement of lasting peace in the region. The co-Rapporteurs will draw on the hearing and the ensuing debate to draft the preliminary resolution.

6. **Elections to the Bureau of the Standing Committee**

The Committee will fill the vacancies on the Bureau based on proposals received from the geopolitical groups.

7. **Any other business**

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