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Provisional agenda

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Approval of the summary record of the Committee's session held at the 149th IPU Assembly in Geneva (October 2024)**
3. **The UN field presence in support of national development: The case of Uzbekistan**

The United Nations system is present in most developing countries, with a UN Country Team (UNCT) of agency representatives headed by a Resident Coordinator (RC). The UNCT supports national development plans through a portfolio of projects and advisory activities that is agreed with the Government and funded through a combination of budgetary and extra-budgetary resources.

The IPU has advocated successfully for a closer relationship between UNCTs and their host countries' parliaments, as a way of building stronger accountability and buy-in for the UN's development work. This session will feature a discussion on the role of the RC and the UNCT vis-à-vis the Government and Parliament of Uzbekistan, host of the 150th IPU Assembly. It will provide an opportunity to further explore UN budget issues, as discussed in the Standing Committee's session during the 149th Assembly, by focusing on one country's experience.

4. **The growing role of the BRICS in international relations: What impact for the UN?**

At the 149th Assembly, the Standing Committee considered the role of the G20 vis-à-vis the United Nations. This session will look at the role of the BRICS, an organization that has evolved into a political bloc encompassing 30% of the world's land surface, 45% of the world's population and 35% of global GDP. Addressing its October 2024 meeting, UN Secretary-General António Guterres called on the BRICS to play a greater role in strengthening multilateralism for global development and security.

This segment will review the work of the BRICS and ask the question: what are the differences between the G20 and the BRICS in terms of their internal organization, as well as their institutional linkages to the United Nations?

5. **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.

6. **Any other business**

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