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### Evaluation of programme and budget implications of the draft resolution on *The role of parliaments in advancing a two-State solution in Palestine*

Key operative paragraphs and implications:

- Operative paragraphs 2 and 10 foresee actions linked to **electoral support, humanitarian access and peace monitoring**, and invite the IPU to facilitate and coordinate such initiatives as needed. Most of these efforts could be carried out by IPU staff during existing events which are already part of the IPU's budgeted activities (e.g. the IPU Assemblies, the Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations, and other relevant events). As the IPU's role is limited, the financial impact is expected to be minimal and manageable, with only occasional costs related to travel or coordination meetings, should additional engagement be required.
- Operative paragraphs 7 and 8 encourage strengthened **parliamentary diplomacy and dialogue facilitation**. Such parliamentary diplomacy initiatives can be integrated into existing platforms (e.g. the IPU Assemblies, the Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations, and other relevant events). This is a cost-neutral approach as the resolution does not call for the creation of any new mechanism or meetings, so no significant additional budget is required. Coordination and thematic preparation can be carried out by existing IPU personnel.
- Operative paragraph 11 foresees the provision of **technical assistance** and calls for the IPU to facilitate and coordinate such support. The IPU Programmes Division provides on-demand capacity-building support and has experience working in the region. Some capacity-building support could be integrated into ongoing activities with minimal additional resource implications. Any scaling up of activities in response to increased demand may entail some additional operational costs, but these are expected to remain within manageable limits under the current framework.
- Operative paragraph 17 proposes to establish a **Strategic Task Force on the Middle East**, which would replace the current Committee on Middle East Questions. As the proposed transformation is a reorganization of an existing Committee with established funding and staffing, there are no significant additional associated costs. It is expected that existing resources will be sufficient to carry out the new scope of activities, including reporting, monitoring and dialogue facilitation.

No significant additional financial or operational implications are expected, as existing structures and coordination frameworks will be used. The IPU's facilitation role may require occasional resource allocation for travel or staff engagement, but overall costs are expected to remain within current budget limits. Overall, the resolution is consistent with the IPU's mandate, and its focus on facilitation ensures that any additional expenditure will be limited and can be absorbed within the existing operational and budgetary framework.

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