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Concept note

Ensuring accountability at every level is a core priority of the [IPU's 2022-2026 Strategy](#). The true measure of the Organization's impact lies in how Member Parliaments translate the resolutions, declarations and decisions they adopt into real-world policies and initiatives. IPU outcomes can drive change in different ways — parliaments may organize related debates in plenary or committees, adjust legislative and budgetary frameworks, strengthen oversight mechanisms, or amplify discussions among policymakers and the general public. By integrating IPU recommendations into national agendas and engaging relevant stakeholders, parliaments can help transform political commitments into tangible results that bolster the well-being of communities.

In 2024, the IPU placed a strong emphasis on peace and security and continued to foster parliamentary diplomacy and dialogue to support a more inclusive and democratic global order. This work is guided by two key principles: human security and common security. Human security ensures people can live without fear, deprivation or indignity, forming the foundation of just and equitable societies where individuals are protected from violence and oppression and have access to food, healthcare and education. Common security acknowledges that no country's security stands alone — true stability comes from cooperation, where one nation's safety is linked to the well-being of its neighbours and the world at large. These principles shape the IPU's vision for a democratic, inclusive and peaceful international system, one that tackles today's challenges while securing a just and sustainable future for generations to come.

For the fourth consecutive year, the IPU Assembly's General Debate will include a special accountability segment designed to facilitate an exchange of good practices among Member Parliaments. This segment is an opportunity for parliamentarians to showcase their progress, share experiences and learn from each other, thereby encouraging a collaborative environment that enhances the overall effectiveness and accountability of the IPU. Delegations are invited to share how their parliaments have acted on the IPU's 2024 outcomes, all of which align with and support the broader theme of bolstering peace and security for current and future generations, including:

- (a) The Geneva Declaration on [Parliamentary diplomacy: Building bridges for peace and understanding](#)
- (b) IPU resolution – [Addressing the social and humanitarian impact of autonomous weapon systems and artificial intelligence](#)
- (c) IPU resolution – [Partnerships for climate action: Promoting access to affordable green energy, and ensuring innovation, responsibility and equity](#)
- (d) The Geneva Declaration on [Harnessing science, technology and innovation \(STI\) for a more peaceful and sustainable future](#)
- (e) IPU resolution – [The impact of artificial intelligence on democracy, human rights and the rule of law](#)
- (f) IPU resolution – [Response by parliamentarians to the urgent plea by the UN Secretary-General to recommit to multilateralism for global peace, justice and sustainability](#)

All MPs are invited to contribute to this special session with brief interventions (maximum three minutes) highlighting the most relevant aspects of their work, as well as recommendations to enhance the implementation of IPU resolutions 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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