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Preparatory debate on the next resolution of the Standing Committee: *Recognizing and supporting the victims of illegal international adoption and taking measures to prevent this practice*

Follow-up on implementation of the 2023 resolution *Orphanage trafficking: The role of parliaments in reducing harm*

Monday, 7 April, 14:30–17:30

Concept note

The session will have two parts:

Part 1 – 14:30–16:45: Preparatory debate on the resolution *Recognizing and supporting the victims of illegal international adoption and taking measures to prevent this practice*

Part 2 – 16:45–17:30: Follow-up on implementation of the 2023 resolution *Orphanage trafficking: The role of parliaments in reducing harm*

Part 1

The preparatory debate on the resolution *Recognizing and supporting the victims of illegal international adoption and taking measures to prevent this practice* provides an opportunity for delegates to exchange on this topic and make suggestions on the content of the resolution.

Illegal international adoption is a complex issue that often involves the sale of children, the use of forged documents and the exploitation of vulnerable families. In 2022, several United Nations human rights bodies issued a [joint statement on illegal intercountry adoptions](#), in which they outlined the rights that may be violated in such instances and related State obligations. According to the statement, under certain conditions, illegal intercountry adoptions may also constitute crimes against humanity.

Delegates are invited to exchange experiences and lessons learned from their efforts to protect children and prevent such exploitative practices, including through legal frameworks, international cooperation and public awareness campaigns. The discussion will begin with presentations by expert panellists, followed by interventions from the floor.

These contributions will assist the co-Rapporteurs in preparing the draft resolution, which will be examined and finalized at the 151st IPU Assembly in October 2025.

Part 2

The segment on the follow-up to the 2023 resolution [Orphanage trafficking: The role of parliaments in reducing harm](#) will begin with an update from the co-Rapporteurs on developments on this issue since the adoption of the resolution and key takeaways from the 6 March 2025 webinar entitled [Legislative strategies to end orphanage trafficking](#).

Delegates will then have the opportunity to share brief reports on concrete steps taken by their parliaments since 2023 in the fight against orphanage trafficking, be it in the area of lawmaking, oversight, prevention, survivor support or awareness-raising.

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