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### Contributing to the work of the 150th IPU Assembly from a gender perspective

Saturday, 5 April 2025, 11:30–13:00

#### I. Arrangements for the debate

Participants will discuss the draft resolutions on the agenda of the 150th IPU Assembly entitled *The role of parliaments in advancing a two-State solution in Palestine* (Standing Committee on Peace and International Security) and *Parliamentary strategies to mitigate the long-lasting impact of conflicts, including armed conflicts, on sustainable development* (Standing Committee on Sustainable Development).

Participants will discuss the draft resolutions from a gender perspective and issue recommendations on gender-related amendments to be submitted by the Forum of Women Parliamentarians to the two aforementioned Standing Committees.

To that end, they will work in two groups, each covering one draft resolution as follows:

<b>Group 1 – The role of parliaments in advancing a two-State solution in Palestine</b>	<i>Opera Hall</i>
<b>Group 2 – Parliamentary strategies to mitigate the long-lasting impact of conflicts, including armed conflicts, on sustainable development</b>	<i>Hilton Hotel Ballroom</i>

Following a brief presentation on both draft resolutions, the Forum will split into the two discussion groups from 11:45 to 13:00 to discuss one of two suggested topics. On the recommendation of its Bureau, the Forum will designate a chair and a rapporteur for each group.

At the end of the discussion, each working group will agree on the key areas that its rapporteur will then present at the afternoon plenary sitting of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians.

#### II. Focus of the debates

##### **Group1 – *The role of parliaments in advancing a two-State solution in Palestine***

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has tragic repercussions in the region and constitutes a serious threat to international peace and security and the principles of international law. The draft resolution reaffirms a two-State solution as the path to achieving justice and lasting peace. It promotes a multidimensional approach, emphasizing the pivotal role of parliaments in driving this solution forward, in accordance with international law and United Nations and IPU resolutions and statements.

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Research on women, peace and security highlights that women's empowerment and gender equality contribute to more peaceful and stable outcomes. Discussions will therefore explore the gender dimensions of the conflict, and the necessary measures to ensure that a gender perspective is an integral part of achieving a two-State solution. Participants will examine how the ongoing conflict has hindered the advancement of women's rights and gender equality, with women exposed to violence, displacement, economic hardships and limited access to health care and education. Participants will also focus on embedding the principles of the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda<sup>1</sup> into a two-State solution and strategize on how parliaments can play a key role in this process. This includes addressing the needs of women in conflict and post-conflict contexts; recognizing their role and full participation in conflict resolution and building social justice and coexistence; and granting and protecting equal rights in law and practice as fundamental to sustainable peace.

The guiding questions for the debate are:

- *How has the conflict affected Israeli and Palestinian women? How can they play an essential role in building a two-State solution?*
- *How can parliaments worldwide champion the integration of the Women, Peace and Security agenda into a two-State solution?*
- *What existing good practices can be adapted or leveraged to promote gender equality, women's rights and their equal participation in the peace process and governance structures of a future two-State solution?*

**Group 2 – Parliamentary strategies to mitigate the long-lasting impact of conflicts, including armed conflicts, on sustainable development**

How can parliaments make a significant contribution to mitigating the impact of conflict on sustainable development? Participants will examine this question by placing gender equality at the heart of conflict resolution and peacekeeping, as well as humanitarian, environmental and climate action.

Women have historically engaged in conflict in diverse roles, including as peacemakers, combatants, caregivers, politicians and activists. However, women often bear the brunt of conflict-related consequences such as forced migration, displacement, reduced employment opportunities, and loss of livelihoods and personal autonomy. Women and girls also face heightened risks of gender-based violence and violations of their fundamental rights, often without access to support or justice. These challenges are often compounded by intersecting forms of discrimination, leading to multi-layered and intergenerational marginalization. All women have a fundamental human right to participate in decision-making processes that directly affect their lives. The WPS agenda recognizes both the necessity and the strategic value of including women in peace processes. Research also consistently shows that strong women's participation and gender perspectives improve the sustainability of peace agreements, strengthen conflict prevention efforts, and contribute to more effective environmental governance and climate action.

To effectively mitigate the long-term impact of conflict, including armed conflict, on sustainable development, this discussion will explore concrete parliamentary strategies with a strong intergenerational and intersectoral gender perspective, clear budget lines and mechanisms to ensure the participation and leadership of women and girls.

The guiding questions for the debate are:

- *How do conflicts, wars and climate-related disasters disproportionately impact women, girls and other marginalized groups?*
- *What successful examples exist of women's participation in decision-making on peace agreements and climate change? What good practices can parliamentarians build upon?*
- *What concrete parliamentary strategies can be implemented to support intergenerational and intersectional gender-responsive sustainable peace processes and climate action?*

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations Security Council resolution (UNSCR) 1325 (2000) and ten related adopted WPS resolutions.