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Political will in action: Key steps for parliaments to fast-forward the SDGs

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12:00-13:00 CEST (Geneva time)

DRAFT PROGRAMME

12:00	<p>Introductory remarks</p> <p><i>Moderator: Ms. Patricia Torsney, Head of the Office of the Permanent Observer of the Inter-Parliamentary Union to the United Nations in New York</i></p>
12:02	<p>Political will as the engine for achieving the SDGs</p> <p><i>A dialogue with Ms. Julie Lashell Adderly, President of the Senate of the Bahamas and Mr. Xavier Iacovelli, Vice-President of the Senate, France</i></p> <p>Currently, only 17% of the SDG targets are on track. The COVID-19 pandemic, ongoing conflicts, and economic and climate-related crises presented a series of challenges, but also showed the incredible potential for positive change. Institutions have a key role to play in adjusting the course of events through the decisions they can make. With only five years left before the 2030 SDG deadline, the need to implement decisive actions to address existing challenges is paramount. How can parliaments use their political weight to help step up the work of achieving the SDGs for all?</p>
12:30	<p>Strategies to fast-forward the SDGs</p> <p><i>A dialogue with Ms. Maria Mousmouti, Associate Research Fellow, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies of the University of London</i></p> <p>Parliaments have demonstrated a strong commitment to the advancement of the SDGs. However, an IPU survey conducted in 2021 showed that most of those that responded had encountered difficulties in fully integrating the SDGs into their daily work and addressing the goals' interconnected and complex nature. In response to these specific needs, the IPU has developed a toolkit to help parliaments make the SDGs central to their legislative and oversight work, while ensuring that the positive and negative interlinkages between the goals are duly taken into consideration.</p>
12:50	<p>Interactive discussion</p>
12:58	<p>Closing remarks</p>
13:00	<p>End of webinar</p>