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On behalf of the global parliamentary community, we wish to express our deep concern about the military takeover in Madagascar and the suspension of the Constitution.

We deplore the loss of life, injuries and destruction of property resulting from the unrest.

We call for immediate coordinated international action to address the ongoing crisis in Madagascar.

The situation unfolding represents not just a grave threat to the stability of the Southern African region, it also sets a dangerous precedent for democracy across the whole continent, in clear violation of international law.

When one democracy falters, it weakens democracy everywhere.

Madagascar's current instability threatens to escalate the humanitarian emergency in the country, with large-scale displacement and suffering of people, especially among the most vulnerable, including elderly people and children.

We call for calm, restraint and inclusive dialogue.

We stand ready to work with other international bodies, including the United Nations, the Southern African Development Community and the African Union, for a peaceful resolution of the crisis and the restoration of constitutional order.

The IPU and the global parliamentary community are here to actively support a functioning, representative and effective parliamentary democracy that serves and delivers for all the people of Madagascar.

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