

BRING HUMAN RIGHTS INTO FOCUS



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For democracy. For everyone.

Human rights. Democratic freedoms. The safety of those who speak for others. These are not abstract ideals — they are the foundations of everything parliaments exist to protect. Yet around the world, they are being pushed into the shadows.

The IPU's Human Rights Campaign 2026 is a call to bring these rights back into the light — and to keep them there.

WHY IT MATTERS

800

More than 800 cases are currently before the IPU Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians (CHRP), involving MPs facing detention, prosecution or persecution for their work.

58

58 countries from all regions saw a deterioration in parliamentary human rights protections in 2025.

When a parliamentarian is silenced, the communities they represent lose their voice in democracy too.



TWO PILLARS. ONE MISSION

Shine a light on those in the shadows

MPs around the world are being silenced, threatened and persecuted simply for doing their jobs. When one voice is pushed into darkness, democracy itself dims. Parliamentary solidarity brings threatened MPs back into the light — and sends a clear signal that no parliamentarian stands alone.

Tomorrow's rights are shaped in parliament today

International human rights commitments only become real when parliaments translate them into legislation, oversight and accountability. Parliaments have the power — and the responsibility — to sharpen the focus on human rights across everything they do. The clearer the laws, the stronger the protection.

WHAT YOU CAN DO



Show your solidarity and speak up in support of at-risk fellow MPs



Use the IPU human rights self-assessment toolkit to take concrete action.

50 YEARS OF SHINING A LIGHT

Celebrating the IPU Committee
on the Human Rights of
Parliamentarians

Since 1976, the CHRP has been the lens through which the international community sees and responds to violations against parliamentarians. Case by case, country by country, it has brought hidden injustices into the open — and pushed for accountability where there was none.

As we mark this anniversary, one thing remains as clear as ever: the work is not done. But our resolve is unshaken.



NOMINATE A CHAMPION

Cremer-Passy Prize
2026

Some parliamentarians go further. They shine a light where others look away. They leave parliaments and the people they serve better than they found them.

The Cremer-Passy Prize, named after IPU founders William Randall Cremer and Frédéric Passy — both Nobel Peace Prize laureates and lifelong champions of peace and justice — is awarded annually to sitting parliamentarians who make an outstanding contribution to human rights, democracy and a more equitable world.

Do you know someone who deserves recognition?

In 2026, we are looking for the parliamentarians who have done the most to bring human rights into focus.

Nominations are submitted through IPU geopolitical groups, who may put forward two candidates: one woman and one man.

Nomination deadline:
30 June 2026

Submit via:
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