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## Consideration of requests for the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda

### Request for the inclusion of an emergency item in the agenda of the 141<sup>st</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union submitted by the delegation of Turkey

On 14 October 2019, the IPU President received a letter from the Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, submitting a request and accompanying documents for the inclusion in the agenda of the 141<sup>st</sup> Assembly of an emergency item entitled:

"Double standards of western countries in combatting terrorism, especially in resolving the conflict in Syria".

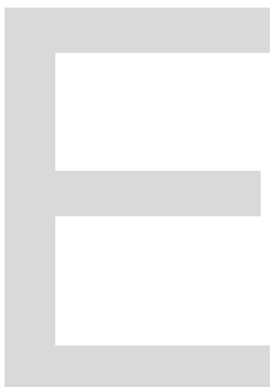
Delegates to the 141<sup>st</sup> Assembly will find attached the text of the draft resolution (Annex) in support of this request.

The 141<sup>st</sup> Assembly will be required to take a decision on the request of the delegation of Turkey on Monday, 14 October 2019.

Under the terms of Assembly Rule 11.1, any Member of the IPU may request the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda. Such a request must be accompanied by a brief explanatory memorandum and a draft resolution which clearly define the scope of the subject covered by the request. The IPU Secretariat shall communicate the request and any such documents immediately to all Members.

Furthermore, Assembly Rule 11.2 stipulates that:

- (a) A request for the inclusion of an emergency item must relate to a recent major situation of international concern on which urgent action by the international community is required and on which it is appropriate for the IPU to express its opinion and mobilize a parliamentary response. Such a request must receive a two-thirds majority of the votes cast in order to be accepted.
- (b) The Assembly may place only one emergency item on its agenda. Should several requests obtain the requisite majority, the one having received the largest number of positive votes shall be accepted.
- (c) The authors of two or more requests for the inclusion of an emergency item may combine their proposals to present a joint one, provided that each of the original proposals relates to the same subject.
- (d) The subject of a proposal that has been withdrawn by its authors or rejected by the Assembly cannot be included in the draft resolution submitted on the emergency item, unless it is clearly referred to in the request and title of the subject adopted by the Assembly.



**DOUBLE STANDARDS OF WESTERN COUNTRIES IN COMBATING TERRORISM,  
ESPECIALLY IN RESOLVING THE CONFLICT IN SYRIA**

***Draft resolution submitted by the delegation of TURKEY***

The 141<sup>st</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union,

- (1) *Taking into consideration* that terrorism is a global scourge that should be fought against in a coordinated way,
- (2) *Recognizing* the recent developments in Syria, especially the presence of the PKK, its Syrian branch the PYD/YPG as well as Daesh in northern Syria,
- (3) *Noting* that the Turkish Armed Forces' recent operation has revealed a close connection between the terrorist organizations and some Western countries,
- (4) *Deeply disturbed* by the findings obtained during the recent operation of the Turkish Armed Forces which indicate some Western countries support the PKK terrorist organization,
- (5) *Also deeply disturbed* by some Western States' – especially France's – support to these terrorist organizations in violation of their international legal commitments which leads to the destabilization of the whole region,
- (6) *Noting* that many Western countries refrain from assuming their responsibility of accepting the foreign fighter citizens to their country of origin for prosecution and rehabilitation,
- (7) *Taking into consideration* that Turkey is currently hosting more than five million refugees of which 3,6 million are from Syria,
- (8) *Realizing* that the migratory flows can only be stopped by wiping out the terrorist organizations in the region,
- (9) *Reaffirming* the necessity of observing the legal standards in protecting refugees; and underlining the responsibility of the international community in protecting the rights of refugees and internally displaced persons in Syria,
  1. *Recalls* that terrorism in all of its forms and manifestations is a crime against humanity;
  2. *Also recalls* that combatting terrorism is a joint responsibility for all countries;
  3. *Condemns* the double standards of some Western countries in combatting terrorism;
  4. *Calls on* France and other Western countries to cease all forms of indirect/covert support to terrorism;
  5. *Reaffirms* that long-lasting and comprehensive solutions can be achieved only by dismantling terrorist groups from Syria and maintaining the territorial integrity of Syria.