



Inter-Parliamentary Union
For democracy. For everyone.

147th IPU Assembly

Luanda, Angola
23–27 October 2023



Second Global Parliamentary Summit on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism

The Global Response to the Call of the Sahel

*Outcome document adopted by the Summit
(Luanda, 25 October 2023)*

We, the parliamentarians gathered at the Second Global Parliamentary Summit on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism,

Reaffirming our joint commitment to global efforts to counter terrorism and prevent violent extremism, to work together on security and stability around the world, to closely monitor the Sahel region and pay particular attention to its development and stability,

Recalling the declaration adopted at the First Global Parliamentary Summit on Counter-Terrorism held in Vienna in September 2021 entitled the *Call of the Sahel*,

Welcoming the implementation outcomes of the *Call of the Sahel* action plan, which focuses on five main areas: environment, security, community, development and education,

Expressing deep concern at the deteriorating Sahel situation, which has reached unprecedented levels of proliferation of terrorism and instability in recent years which, in turn, threaten the fulfilment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially the goals' central principle "leave no one behind",

Acknowledging that the Sahel region faces numerous challenges, such as terrorism and transnational organized crime, human and illicit drug trafficking, illegal migration and weapons proliferation, that are not only a threat to the neighbouring regions but are also a global threat to peace and security; and *acknowledging also* that the lack of development in the region directly impacts people's life opportunities, causes food insecurity, nutritional crises and internal displacement among other,

Bearing in mind the aspirations of all peoples to live in peace and security, which are the basic preconditions for the material well-being, development and progress of countries, and for the full implementation of fundamental human rights and freedoms,

Recognizing that development in parallel with a security strategy in the region is the solution to all the challenges the Sahel faces,

Convinced that good governance leads to robust, democratically organized civil societies, independent judiciaries and administrations that are close to the citizens, and enables the correct management of common resources and guarantees the realization of human rights through actions free of abuse and corruption and with due respect for the rule of law,

Emphasizing that, where applicable and upon request, the enhancement of the capabilities and capacities of state institutions to prevent and counter terrorism is a pivotal component of successful efforts against terrorism,

E

#IPU147

Reaffirming the important role of the IPU Member Parliaments and their respective national institutions in countering terrorism and addressing the concerns of their constituents,

Recognizing the support of different international organizations, United Nations agencies, the academia and civil society, as well as the essential role of the Inter-Parliamentary Committee of the G5 Sahel and other regional parliamentarian assemblies, all of whom have as their ultimate aim to support the people of the Sahel region,

1. *Call upon* the global parliamentary community, international organizations, governments and civil society to renew their global commitment to strengthen their international cooperation with the Sahel countries and their peoples in preventing and combating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, and to reaffirm that any act of terrorism is a criminal and unjustifiable act in accordance with international law;
2. *Call upon* international organizations to coordinate their activities in line with the spirit of the *Call of the Sahel* and to seek the necessary support from United Nations organizations to implement their strategies and resolutions on the ground;
3. *Express* the need for equality of the Sahel people in a new world order, with a new regional and political contract that prioritizes the well-being and future of citizens in the Sahel countries;
4. *Emphasize* the importance of upholding human rights and of addressing critical needs of the Sahel population, such as ensuring access to clean water, quality education, food, security and primary healthcare, as well as of paying special attention to the specific needs of young people as engines of development, to education for girls and the empowerment of women;
5. *Stress* that sustainable development is the solution to many challenges the Sahel region faces;
6. *Urge* the Sahel States to enhance good governance by building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels and providing access to justice for all, thus promoting peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development;
7. *Call upon* the international community and the United Nations Security Council to support the G5 Sahel Joint Force by recognizing it pursuant to Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations;
8. *Urge* all parliaments to raise awareness in their respective parliaments of the political situation and challenges the Sahel countries face by drafting a *Motion of the Sahel*;
9. *Request* the IPU ad hoc High-Level Advisory Group on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism to design, on the basis of the outcomes of the thematic meetings, the second phase of the *Call of the Sahel* that would include projects and development initiatives in the Sahel countries and act as “The Global Response of the *Call of the Sahel*”;
10. *Resolve* to create an ad hoc mechanism within the IPU High-Level Advisory Group on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism to coordinate, monitor and follow up on the second phase of the *Call of the Sahel*, which will include projects and development initiatives in the Sahel countries, and be carried out jointly with the Inter-Parliamentary Committee of the G5 Sahel, relevant United Nations agencies, other international organizations, academia – such as the Institute for Economics and Peace, and the civil society among others;
11. *Urge* the global community to move forward with tangible actions to implement ground projects that safeguard the human rights and well-being of the Sahel population.