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Consideration of requests for the inclusion of an emergency item in the agenda of the 139th Assembly

The following requests have been submitted:

| Item proposed | Author | Date of receipt |
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| Restoring peace and security in the Sahel: The role of parliaments | Burkina Faso | 8 October |
| Cutting off aid to UNRWA — A humanitarian blockade and violation of international law: Addressing the issue of stopping aid to UNRWA and assessing the impact of this decision on Palestinian refugees and the Palestinian issue as a whole | Jordan and Kuwait | 13 October |
| Climate change – let us not cross the line | Seychelles, Fiji, Tonga, Samoa and Micronesia (Federated States of) | 14 October |
| The urgent need to resolve the humanitarian crisis caused by the deterioration of parliamentary democracy in Venezuela | Netherlands and United Kingdom | 14 October |
| Addressing the issue of missing persons: The role of Parliaments | Israel | 15 October |

Procedure to be followed

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- (d) The subject of a proposal that has been withdrawn by its authors or rejected by the Assembly cannot be included in the draft resolution submitted on the emergency item, unless it is clearly referred to in the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.