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## IPU Presidential Statement on Parliamentary Diplomacy

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The IPU was founded on the importance of parliamentary diplomacy and dialogue. Parliamentary diplomacy is an essential part of international cooperation, helping to build bridges between countries and peoples, and seeking to contribute a parliamentary perspective to global governance as well as to the promotion of peace.

The use of political sanctions against parliamentarians legally representing their national parliaments and their people is unacceptable.

We believe in the value of open and unrestricted dialogue between parliamentarians from all over the world. IPU Assemblies and official meetings are essential forums to resolve differences through meaningful exchange. All parliamentarians from IPU Member Parliaments should be allowed to attend IPU Assemblies and other inter-parliamentary forums, unhindered by any restrictions or sanctions. The ultimate goal of the IPU is to achieve peace.

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