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## IPU Statement

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Mr. President of the UN General Assembly,  
Excellencies,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

The engagement of Parliaments and Parliamentarians is key to ensuring effective outcomes for the UN's Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

Strong parliaments with representation of every sector of society and expressing the will of the people can help reduce marginalization and discrimination. Parliaments are responsible for enacting laws and setting budgets for national action. They must ensure that laws and criminal justice measures are implemented effectively with full respect for human rights and the rule of law, avoiding the temptation of undemocratic responses, which would further fuel violent extremism.

Since 1996, the IPU has adopted 12 resolutions relating to terrorism, all of which highlight the need for parliaments to support the implementation of the United Nation's counter-terrorism resolutions and strategies.

In this regard, in 2015 the IPU and the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) agreed to work together to strengthen the role of parliaments in preventing and countering terrorism and violent extremism.

In October 2017, at its 137<sup>th</sup> Assembly, the IPU Governing Council endorsed the establishment of a High-Level Advisory Group on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism. The group is composed of high-level parliamentarians, experts in the field, who will guide the IPU-UNODC Joint Programme.

The work programme will support Parliaments in implementing international counter-terrorism instruments and resolutions, provide members of parliament and parliamentary staff with tools and training, focusing on the rule of law and human rights. It will promote cooperation among parliamentary committees and facilitate the exchange of good practices and lessons learned.

The programme seeks to facilitate the incorporation of international resolutions into domestic legislation and promote regional parliamentary cooperation. It will establish a web-based legislative database to serve as a repository for relevant legislation and a forum for information exchange.

The IPU-UNODC Joint Secretariat is working with the United Nations Office for Counter Terrorism to broaden the impact of its parliamentary programme on global efforts to counter terrorism.

The IPU looks forward to advancing this fruitful cooperation with the United Nations, bridging the implementation gaps and tackling the scourge of terrorism.

Thank you.