

## **ROUNDTABLE: MULTILATERALISM AND THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTARY DIPLOMACY**

### Overview

A core component of multilateralism and international cooperation, parliamentary diplomacy promotes dialogue, mutual understanding and confidence-building in international efforts to address a range of challenges and issues. The value of parliamentary diplomacy in promoting global peace in particular is undeniable. Recent United Nations General Assembly Resolutions 65/123 and 65/283 promise to serve as important catalysts for strengthening the contribution of parliamentary assemblies to national reconciliation, mediation and conflict prevention.

Participants in the roundtable "Multilateralism and the Role of Parliamentary Diplomacy" will examine the key issues inherent to parliamentary diplomacy, including in particular the strengths and weaknesses of parliamentary assemblies in promoting peace and security. They will exchange views on how to improve the efficiency and the capabilities of assemblies in order to maximize their potential, strengthen their coherence, and enhance their cooperation and interaction in an increasingly globalized and interdependent world.

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