

## 131<sup>st</sup> IPU ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

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Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

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## **Draft agenda**

- 1. Adoption of the agenda
- 2. Approval of the summary records of the Committee's session held on the occasion of the 130<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly in Geneva (March 2014)
- 3. Elections to the Standing Committee Bureau

Proposals for new Bureau members will be made by geopolitical groups to the Committee Bureau. The Committee will discuss Bureau recommendations in view of filling the existing vacancies.

4. Hearing on implementation of the IPU resolution "The role of parliaments in striking a balance between national security, human security and individual freedoms, and in averting the threat to democracy" (Cape Town, April 2008 - see <a href="http://www.ipu.org/conf-e/118/118-1.htm">http://www.ipu.org/conf-e/118/118-1.htm</a>)

The Interim Report by the Secretary General on the activities of the IPU, presented to the Governing Council at the second Assembly each year, describes what Member Parliaments have done to implement IPU resolutions. Moreover, as part of the recent amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules, Standing Committees are called upon to play a proactive role in monitoring follow-up of IPU resolutions and other decisions. As such, the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security will hold a hearing where several Member Parliaments which reported having taken significant action will be invited to share their experience and discuss challenges to implementation. Presentations will be followed by a debate, during which delegates will be invited to express their views on their individual and shared experiences. The hearing should also help with the compilation of best practices both with regard to the handling of the subject and follow-up measures. The purpose of this debate is not to re-open discussion of the resolution.

## 5. Discussion on Cyber warfare – A serious threat to peace and global security

Government after government has been denouncing cyber-attacks on their public, corporate or military facilities, sometimes even accusing other States as being the main perpetrators. The Committee on Peace and International Security, following a proposal from the Uruguayan delegation, decided that the Inter-Parliamentary Union should take a proactive approach, debate cyber warfare and, in 2015, at the 132<sup>nd</sup> Assembly, issue a resolution on behalf of the world's parliamentarians condemning this activity, which affects peace and global security. The Committee will hold a discussion on the issue, inviting prominent speakers to offer their perspectives on current trends, opportunities, challenges as well as possible parliamentary action to be taken through law-making, policy-shaping and oversight. It will also serve as a basis for the drafting of the resolution by the two co-Rapporteurs who will have a chance to listen their peers' views on the issue.

6. Any other business