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

Request for the inclusion of an emergency item in the agenda of the 132nd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union submitted by the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran

On 16 March 2015, the Secretary General received from the Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Group of the Islamic Republic of Iran, a request for the inclusion in the agenda of the 132nd Assembly of an emergency item entitled:

"The role of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in countering the growing threat of terrorism".

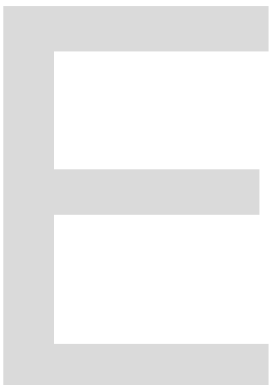
Delegates to the 132nd Assembly will find attached the text of the communication submitting the request ([Annex I](#)), as well as an explanatory memorandum ([Annex II](#)) and a draft resolution ([Annex III](#)) in support thereof.

The 132nd Assembly will be required to take a decision on the request of the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran on Sunday, 29 March 2015.

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 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 major event of international concern on which it appears necessary for the IPU to express its opinion. 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- (d) The subject of a proposal that has been withdrawn by its authors or rejected by the Assembly cannot be included in the draft resolution submitted on the emergency item, unless it is clearly referred to in the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.



**COMMUNICATION ADRESSED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL BY THE SECRETARY
GENERAL OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY GROUP OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN**

Tehran, 16 March 2015

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

The Inter-Parliamentary Group of the Islamic Republic of Iran would like to propose the following emergency item for inclusion in the agenda of the 132nd IPU Assembly, to be held in Hanoi, Viet Nam:

"The role of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in countering the growing threat of terrorism".

An explanatory memorandum and the relevant draft resolution are enclosed.

We would be grateful if you could circulate the proposal and the supporting documents to IPU Member Parliaments.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

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Inter-Parliamentary Group of
the Islamic Republic of Iran

THE ROLE OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION IN COUNTERING THE GROWING THREAT OF TERRORISM

Explanatory memorandum submitted by the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran

The Inter-Parliamentary Group of the Islamic Republic of Iran wishes to propose the inclusion of an emergency item entitled *The role of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in countering the growing threat of terrorism* on the agenda of the 132nd IPU Assembly (Hanoi, March-April 2015), on the following grounds.

1. Recent developments in West Asia and Africa, in particular the terrorist activities of the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, the Al Nusra Front, Boko Haram and other individuals, groups, undertakings and entities associated with Al-Qaida, have resulted in the deaths of thousands of innocent people and caused widespread destruction and displacement of local residents.
2. The growing threat to regional and international peace and security posed by the above-mentioned terrorist organizations requires an urgent and coordinated international response.
3. The Islamic Republic of Iran, as one of the victims of terrorism, has always strongly supported a genuine and effective fight against terrorism. It has continued to counter terrorism in the region, including through its recent contributions to the relevant governments' struggle to fight terrorism, in particular foreign terrorist fighters.
4. We believe that the IPU, as the world organization of parliaments, can and should play a significant role in mobilizing the international community to address the scourge of terrorism. It can also help strengthen the international response against violent extremism and terrorism.
5. The appended draft resolution condemns all acts of terrorism, expresses grave concern at the threat posed by terrorist extremists and stresses the need for further national, regional and international anti-terrorist measures taken in accordance with international law.

**THE ROLE OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION IN COUNTERING
THE GROWING THREAT OF TERRORISM**

Draft resolution submitted by the delegation of the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

The 132nd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union,

- (1) *Recalling* all relevant IPU resolutions, including those adopted by the 122nd Assembly (Bangkok, March-April 2010),
- (2) *Recalling also* all relevant United Nations General Assembly resolutions, in particular resolution 68/127 of 18 December 2013 entitled *A world against violence and violent extremism*, which urges all UN Member States to unite against violent extremism in all its forms and manifestations and against sectarian violence,
- (3) *Recalling further* the UN Security Council resolutions against the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL, also known as Daesh), Al-Nusra Front and all other individuals, groups, undertakings and entities associated with Al-Qaida;
- (4) *Reaffirming* that terrorism in all its forms and manifestations constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security and that all acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of their motivation, no matter when or by whom they are committed,
- (5) *Expressing grave concern* at the continued threat posed to international peace and security by ISIL, Al-Nusra Front and all other individuals, groups, undertakings and entities associated with Al-Qaida,
- (6) *Strongly condemning* all inhuman and terrorist acts committed by these terrorist groups in the Syrian Arab Republic, Iraq, Lebanon, Nigeria, Libya and elsewhere,
- (7) *Condemning* the destruction of cultural heritage in Iraq and the Syrian Arab Republic, particularly by ISIL, Al-Nusra Front and other individuals, groups, undertakings and entities associated with Al-Qaida, whether such destruction is incidental or deliberate and including the targeted destruction of religious sites and objects,
- (8) *Expressing grave concern* at the economic and financial resources available to ISIL, Al-Nusra Front and all other individuals, groups, undertakings and entities associated with Al-Qaida,
- (9) *Expressing concern* at the increased use, in a globalized society, by terrorists and their supporters of new information and communication technologies, in particular the Internet, to facilitate terrorist acts, for the purposes of incitement and recruitment, or to fund or plan terrorist acts,
- (10) *Alarmed* that the threats imposed by these terrorist groups are not limited to countries in the region and pose a serious risk to international stability, peace and security,
- (11) *Emphasizing* that terrorism cannot and should not be associated with any religion, nationality or civilization,
- (12) *Strongly condemning* any advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence,
- (13) *Encouraging* all States and international organizations to generate public awareness, to enlighten the public about the dangers of intolerance and sectarian violence and to react with renewed commitment in support of the promotion of tolerance and human rights, and *inviting* them to continue to take into account the importance of mutual cooperation, understanding and dialogue in ensuring the promotion of moderation, tolerance and respect for human rights,
- (14) *Underscoring* the important role played by parliaments in the fight against terrorism,

1. *Strongly condemns* all acts, methods and practices of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations as criminal and unjustifiable, no matter what considerations of a political, philosophical, ideological, racial, ethnic, religious or other nature are invoked to justify them;
2. *Emphasizes* that all efforts, policies and strategies for combating terrorism must be consistent with international law and the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, in particular respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of all States;
3. *Encourages* governments to strengthen existing counter-terrorism cooperation, enhance cooperation on law enforcement, intelligence, legal frameworks and prevention of trans-border terrorist movements, counter radicalization and prevent terrorist access to chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear weapons;
4. *Reiterates* the urgent need to take further national, regional and international measures to effectively counter the threat posed by terrorist groups;
5. *Reaffirms* that all States must prevent and suppress the financing of terrorist acts and refrain from providing any form of support, active or passive, to entities or persons involved in terrorist acts, including by thwarting recruitment of members of terrorist groups and eliminating the supply of weapons to terrorists;
6. *Calls for* more intense national efforts to bring terrorist groups to justice in accordance with applicable international law, in particular foreign terrorist fighters belonging to ISIL, Al-Nusra Front or any other group, undertaking or entity associated with Al-Qaida;
7. *Urges* all Member Parliaments to unite against violent extremism in all its forms and manifestations and against sectarian violence, *encourages* the efforts of leaders to discuss within their communities the causes of violent extremism and discrimination and to devise strategies to address these causes, and *underlines* that States, regional organizations, non-governmental organizations, religious bodies and the media have an important role to play in promoting tolerance and respect for religious and cultural diversity;
8. *Emphasizes* the need to intensify and coordinate the efforts of all Member Parliaments, at national, regional and global level, effectively to help their governments counter the threat posed by terrorist groups, in particular ISIL, Al-Nusra Front and individuals, groups, undertakings and entities associated with Al-Qaida.