Panel discussion on *The implementation of a previous resolution on cyber warfare (Hanoi, 2015)*

Tuesday, 17 October 2017 (11 a.m. – 1 p.m.)
Multi-functional Hall (2nd floor), Parliamentary Centre

Concept note

Background

In 2015, the IPU adopted a resolution entitled *Cyber warfare: A serious threat to peace and global security*. Two years later, the Committee will hold a discussion on the implementation of this resolution by the IPU Members. The panel should not re-open the debate on the resolution, but rather expand it to the wider topic of cyber-security in order to tackle the real dimensions of the issue and to examine current and new threats to peace and global security.

The discussion will also include a briefing on how to engage more actively in conflict prevention in cyberspace and ensure that cyberspace is used "for peaceful purposes" and "in the interests of all countries".

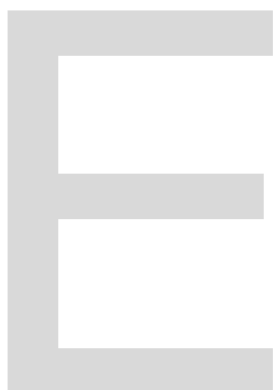### The session will address the following questions:

- How do parliaments address cyber-related issues? What measures have been most successful until now?
- What specific steps can parliamentarians take to ensure democratic control over the use of cyberspace? What forms of technical support might be requested so that parliamentarians can engage more fully in this process?
- What is the relationship between debates in parliaments and discussions among the wider public on the topic?

Expected achievement and outcome:

Specifically, the panel will aim to discuss the challenges to the implementation of the 2015 IPU resolution and to compile best practices on the subject and follow-up measures. The focus of the discussion should revolve essentially around how the matter is tackled and on significant action taken in order to ensure that cyber-peace is achieved and maintained.

Format

The session will be an interactive discussion between parliamentarians and experts. After introductory remarks by the panellists, the floor will be open for an exchange of views, and for questions and answers.

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