

Help us to help members of parliament under threat



Report an MP in danger

Take action on the IPU's
human rights cases



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What can you do as a
member of parliament?

IPU Committee on the Human Rights
of Parliamentarians

Disseminate

- Routinely bring the resolutions adopted by the IPU Governing Council on cases involving violations of the human rights of parliamentarians to the attention of the members of your parliament and relevant human rights institutions and bodies in your country.
- Convey these cases and IPU decisions to the authorities, institutions and organizations concerned at the national, regional and subregional levels.
- Inform the media of the cases and publicize the activities of your parliament and of the IPU regarding the protection and promotion of the human rights of parliamentarians.

Take action

- Organize a parliamentary debate in your parliament on the cases and adopt a position to support the parliamentarians whose fundamental rights are in jeopardy, in particular through adoption of resolutions/declarations and follow-up diplomatic measures.
- Set up a mechanism within parliament entrusted with taking follow-up action based on IPU resolutions.
- Take bilateral measures by approaching the Speaker of Parliament and other relevant authorities of the countries concerned with a view to promoting the settlement of cases.
- Contact parliamentarians in the countries concerned to express your concern over the cases taken up by the IPU.
- Meet the ambassadors of the countries concerned in your country to discuss the cases and express your concern.

- Organize parliamentary visits to discuss the cases or mandate parliamentarians travelling on mission abroad to bring up the cases with their counterparts.
- Bring up the cases during visits to your country by parliamentary delegations or any other relevant authority of the countries concerned.
- Request the intervention of the Minister of Foreign Affairs to take diplomatic measures on the cases, either directly or through diplomatic representatives in the countries concerned.
- Take joint action with the parliaments of neighbouring countries on certain cases.
- Make approaches to relevant subregional, regional and international organizations to encourage them to intervene with a view to reaching a settlement in the cases.

Inform the Committee

- Inform the IPU Secretary General and the President of the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians of any action taken or envisaged with respect to the cases to promote respect for the human rights of parliamentarians and publicize the activities of the IPU and its Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians.