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## Provisional agenda of the Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

- 1. Adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Approval of the summary record of the Committee's session held at the 139<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly in Geneva (October 2018)**
- 3. Parliamentary follow-up on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in preparation for the 2019 session of the United Nations High-level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development**

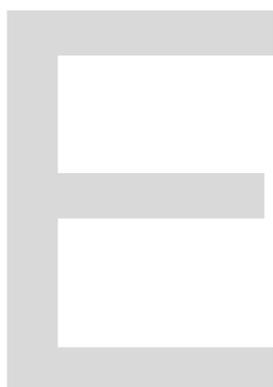
Following a panel presentation, participants will be invited to share lessons learned and best practices in support of the SDGs while focusing on the results obtained. How well are parliaments integrating the SDGs into their work, and how effective are they in holding governments to account on SDGs implementation?

The best practices to be featured may include: mechanisms to oversee the implementation of the national plan for the SDGs; parliamentary input to the 51 voluntary national reviews (VNRs) that will be presented to the HLPF; ways to garner citizens' feedback on the results of government action, and legislative and budgetary reforms to support SDGs implementation.
- 4. Panel discussion on the main theme of the 2019 HLPF: *Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality***

This panel will reflect on the main theme of the 2019 HLPF from the standpoint of two of the five goals under review at the session, namely, Goal 10 (*Reduce inequality within and among countries*) and Goal 16 (*Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels*).

The debate will centre on the following questions:

  - What are the root causes of income and wealth inequality today and how does inequality interfere with democracy and good governance?
  - How can governance institutions, beginning with parliaments, be made more representative of all constituencies and more accountable to the people?
  - How can the rule of law be upheld and the independence of justice systems safeguarded?
- 5. Elections to the Bureau of the Standing Committee**
- 6. Any other business**



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