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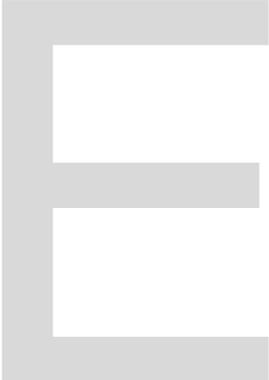
Bringing parliaments together to strengthen democracy and achieve peaceful, sustainable development

The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) envisions a world where every voice counts, where democracy and parliaments are at the service of the people for peace and development. As the global organization of national parliaments, it works for peace, human rights, gender equality, youth empowerment and sustainable development through political dialogue, cooperation and parliamentary action. The IPU promotes democratic governance, institutions and values, working with and helping parliaments and parliamentarians to articulate and respond to the needs and aspirations of the people.

The 2018 consolidated budget is a financial translation of the plan to implement the IPU's Strategy for 2017-2021 during the coming year. The plan for 2018 is set out in Section 5 as a summarized logframe, derived directly from the objectives of the Strategy. The budget anticipates gross operating expenditure for the year of CHF 15.9 million. The bulk of the budget is funded by the contributions of Members. These contributions are projected for 2018 at CHF 10.4 million. Voluntary income from a range of donors to carry out programme activities will supplement the regular budget income by an expected CHF 4.0 million, being 25 per cent of the total budget.

The budget document reflects the importance the IPU attaches to gender equity. The combined budget for all gender-specific activities stands at CHF 1.7 million, 11 per cent of the total consolidated budget.

The IPU continues its well-established commitment towards the global effort to take action on climate change. It will continue to set aside funds each year to offset its carbon footprint and to support the work of parliaments to implement the Paris Agreement and the *Parliamentary action plan on climate change*.



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1. Introduction

1.1 Secretary General's summary

1. Under the plan and budget for 2018, the IPU will continue to implement its Strategy for 2017-2021 vigorously. A full programme of work will span democratic governance, gender equality, human rights, peacebuilding, sustainable development and youth empowerment. Progress towards all the IPU's strategic objectives will be attained through political dialogue, cooperation and parliamentary action. As usual, the Sub-committee on Finance of the Executive Committee has been engaged through the entire process of budget preparation, providing guidance and oversight.
2. Over the six years from 2011 to 2016 the assessed contributions from IPU Members were constantly lowered, achieving a reduction of more than CHF 2 million per annum (17.6 per cent) compared to 2011 levels. 2017 saw a small upturn of 1.5 per cent in total assessed contributions for the first time since 2010. For 2018, the total assessed contributions are to be increased by 2 per cent in response to specific expenditure needs identified. At the same time, it is understood that the IPU membership cannot accommodate contribution increases every year as was the norm before the global financial crisis. Apart from new Member affiliations, there will therefore be no further increases in total contributions proposed for the following two years - 2019 and 2020 - unless in response to needs identified by the governing bodies (such as the Speakers Conference in 2020 and its preparatory meetings). The IPU scale of contributions is patterned on the United Nations (UN) scale of assessment, with some mathematical adjustment for the difference in membership, and is automatically adjusted when the UN scale changes (see pages 34-37). The UN scale remains the same this year, with a new scale expected to be applied in 2020.
3. IPU programme outputs will be driven by the commitment and demand from parliaments to mobilize around the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the Paris Climate Agreement. Parliaments have been forthcoming in devising these instruments which recognise a strong role for parliaments in implementation and monitoring. As parliaments integrate the SDGs in their work, IPU programmes will help to ensure the capacity to deliver on expectations. Parliaments will need to position themselves effectively to tackle the challenges of the SDGs. Mobilization of resources from an increasingly diverse range of partners has enabled the IPU to maintain a stable level of activities while keeping Members' contributions at low levels comparable to those of two decades ago.
4. The two statutory Assemblies will be held as usual, along with the regular meetings of the Governing Council, the Executive Committee (up to three times during the year) and other statutory bodies and committees. In 2018, both Assemblies are planned to be held in Geneva. The IPU's programme objectives will be undertaken, including some reallocation of expenditure to the voluntary budget in certain programme areas during 2018. International organizations are obliged to take extra measures to improve security in the current climate. An allocation of CHF 60,000 has been set aside to continue efforts initiated in 2017 aimed at enhancing the security of IPU Headquarters. The Secretariat continues to seek cost savings across all divisions and work areas and to maintain a strict control environment for regulating all expenditure.
5. The new IPU website will be fully operational in 2018 after the end of its development period in 2017. Funds must be allocated each year to maintain and update the content of the site to keep it dynamic and relevant, and CHF 100,000 is included for this purpose in the budget for visibility and communications. The IPU's new open data platform and its publications, including follow up on the Global Parliamentary Report, will also strengthen the Organization's profile and support its fundraising efforts.
6. Gender and human rights are both mainstreamed through the IPU's Strategy 2017-2021. To improve the functioning and effectiveness of the IPU, the gender mainstreaming policy will continue to be applied to all aspects of the IPU's work. This involves the implementation of its action plan, training of staff and developing mechanisms and tools to ensure that a gender perspective is central to all activities. From 2017, the IPU is also applying a rights-based approach throughout its work and is ensuring cohesion between this approach and gender mainstreaming.

7. Voluntary funding to the IPU programmes is projected to remain at a similar level to the previous two years. The funding agreement signed with the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) in 2014 runs until December 2017 and a follow-on agreement for a further multi-year grant is now under discussion. This long-term partnership with the IPU is distinctive in that Sida has supported the implementation of the IPU Strategy across all the strategic objectives, particularly in the fields of democracy and development. The five-year partnership agreement with Worldwide Support for Development (WSD) continues to focus on a range of programme activities, including capacity-building and the programmes for youth and peacebuilding. The Gender Partnership Programme will continue to benefit strongly from external funding support, including a substantial multi-year grant from the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development of Canada. Countering terrorism has become a primary concern for the global parliamentary community and IPU resolutions demand that the IPU and its Members play an increasingly prominent role in peacebuilding and the implementation of counter-terrorism resolutions and strategies. The Secretariat is making strong efforts to mobilise resources for this purpose.
8. Other partnership initiatives are under discussion although the full outcome of those approaches will remain unknown until after the 2018 budget has been approved. In preparing this budget we have only included those resources that are already quantifiable and committed or where there is a strong likelihood of their materializing. In any event, no funds will be spent or committed until donations are formally approved by a signed agreement. If the IPU is successful in mobilizing additional funds for more activities, the Secretariat will of course be responsive in deploying the additional resources.
9. The balance of the Working Capital Fund (WCF) was CHF 8.3 million as at year end 2016, of which CHF 6.3 million represents available/liquid funds and the balance represents IPSAS accounting adjustments, which cannot be realized in cash. The liquid portion of the WCF currently stands at 79 per cent of the target level set by the Executive Committee in 2006 (albeit at a time when external voluntary funding was a small fraction of its present level).
10. In 2012, IPSAS compliance increased the asset value of the Headquarters building, which in turn directly increased the WCF. In 2013, implementation of an IPSAS standard required the amortization of the long-term FIPOI loan from the Swiss Confederation and raised the WCF value yet further. These increases in value have the effect of raising the depreciation charges, which must be serviced through the annual budget. With the regular budget already being kept to a minimum, the increased depreciation charge could only be met by a reduction in activities. This clearly runs counter to the interests of the Organization, and is an unintended consequence of moving towards greater accountability. As decided by the Governing Council for the 2014-2017 budgets, it is once again proposed for 2018 and beyond that the incremental annual depreciation charges for 2018 on the building (CHF 60,000), the FIPOI loan (CHF 67,000) and the capitalized website development (CHF 110,000) be authorized to be covered using the WCF.
11. This year there is no need to request authorization for the 2018 budget to be balanced by applying the liquid WCF. For several years, as the regular budget came under sustained pressure, the Governing Council has authorized the use of the WCF to balance the budget if needed, so it is a positive step to achieve a balanced budget without relying on reserves.
12. Despite the small increase in Members' total contributions, careful efforts will be needed to balance the regular budget for 2018, keeping operational costs to a minimum while including the additional expenditure required for a complete programme of work and support. Sourcing a reliable flow of voluntary income and appropriate partnership opportunities also requires continual management efforts along with a careful appraisal of the potential risks to the IPU's independence and ability to deliver the strategic objectives defined by its Members. The Secretariat will persist in its successful efforts to seek new Members. Among other benefits, their contributions will assist in sharing the financial burden with current Members. The Strategy for 2017-2021 renews and revitalizes the IPU's commitment to a world where every voice counts and where democracy and parliaments are at the service of the people for peace and development.

Estimates, by Strategic Objective, by source of funds (CHF)

	2017 Approved Budget	2018 Approved Budget		
		Regular Budget	Other Sources	All Funds
REVENUES				
Assessed contributions	10,227,000	10,467,100		10,467,100
Working Capital Fund	337,000	237,000		237,000
Staff assessment	1,023,000	1,048,500		1,048,500
Interest	100,000	100,000		100,000
Programme support costs	0	296,500	(296,500)	0
Other revenue	16,000	16,000		16,000
Voluntary contributions	4,224,300		4,002,600	4,002,600
TOTAL REVENUES	15,927,300	12,165,100	3,706,100	15,871,200
EXPENDITURES				
Strategic Objectives				
1. Build strong, democratic parliaments	2,428,700	1,430,600	891,300	2,321,900
2. Advance gender equality and respect for women's rights	1,555,900	532,200	1,166,800	1,699,000
3. Protect and promote human rights	1,538,400	1,039,000	430,500	1,469,500
4. Contribute to peacebuilding, conflict prevention and security	502,300	151,200	354,000	505,200
5. Promote inter-parliamentary dialogue and cooperation	3,182,000	3,159,400		3,159,400
6. Promote youth empowerment	329,600	79,700	337,500	417,200
7. Mobilize parliaments around the global development agenda	1,083,700	150,200	822,500	972,700
8. Bridge the democracy gap in international relations	893,000	923,000		923,000
Subtotal	11,513,600	7,465,300	4,002,600	11,467,900
Enablers				
Effective internal governance and oversight	854,700	867,900		867,900
Visibility, advocacy and communications	1,086,900	1,026,200		1,026,200
Gender mainstreaming and a rights-based approach	10,000	10,000		10,000
A properly resourced and efficient Secretariat	2,668,900	2,681,700		2,681,700
Subtotal	4,620,500	4,585,800		4,585,800
Other charges	106,000	114,000		114,000
Eliminations	(312,800)		(296,500)	(296,500)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	15,927,300	12,165,100	3,706,100	15,871,200

1.2 Medium-term outlook

13. Global GDP growth is expected to increase to about 3.6 per cent in 2018 assisted by stronger business and consumer confidence, rising industrial production and recovering employment and trade flows.¹ Confidence is increasing and investment and trade are picking up from lower levels. At the same time, income inequality continues to rise especially in countries which have suffered larger falls in manufacturing.
14. Growth prospects have leveled off for emerging market and developing economies, where financial conditions have generally tightened. High risks for emerging market economies include rapid growth in private credit and rising non-performing loans. In 2016 the interest rate cycle turned, with some significant increases in long rates. Generally, inflation fell below expectations. The potential interest rate divergence between countries creates financial risks.

¹ *Global Economic Outlook*, OECD, June 2017

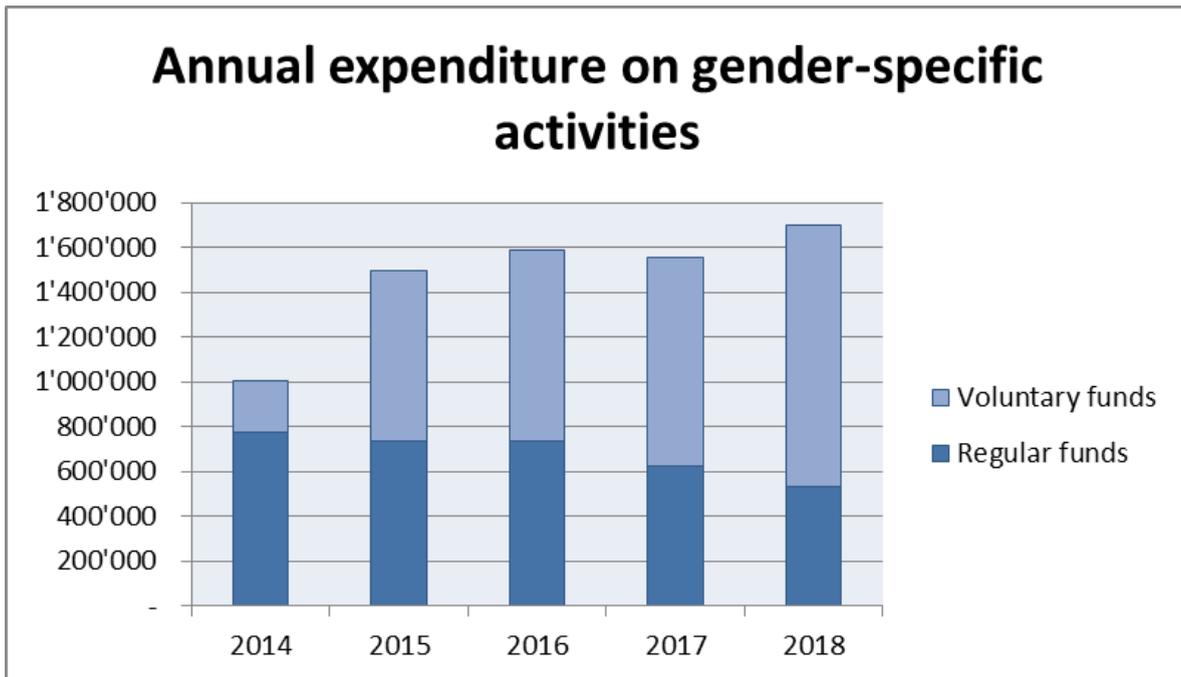
15. In Switzerland, GDP growth is expected to rise gradually while unemployment decreases. Here, the low interest environment is set to continue longer, helping to revive domestic demand. Although the risk of prolonged deflation seems to have receded, inflation is projected to remain low. In 2018, the large current account surplus is set to persist. Low inflation and very modest growth means that the policy of negative rates for deposits is likely to continue. The Swiss franc depreciated in real terms in 2016 and early 2017 after a large appreciation in 2015 but continuing upward pressures have led to sizeable interventions from the SNB (Swiss National Bank). GDP grew by 1.3 per cent in 2016, a marked improvement on 2015.
16. The Swiss franc is predicted to weaken slightly relative to the US dollar and the Euro in the medium term, while markets currently expect the Euro to strengthen against the US dollar in the coming year or more. Half of Swiss trade remains with the EU, which makes the CHF/EUR exchange rate a strategic point for the Swiss economy.
17. Between 2011 and 2016, the IPU reduced its annual assessed contributions by over 17 per cent, representing CHF 7.5 million in cumulative savings for IPU Members since 2011. As continued reductions in the regular budget could not be sustained without a detrimental effect on the work of the IPU, a small increase of 2 per cent in total contributions is budgeted for 2018 and no further increase anticipated for the following two years (2019 and 2020). Additional income will only come from new Members joining the Organization or in response to needs identified by the Governing Council.
18. Voluntary contributions are projected to remain at a similar level as in 2016 and 2017 with voluntary income budgeted at around 25 per cent of the consolidated budget. If more voluntary income is raised, the services and programmes under the relevant Objectives will be expanded. Meanwhile a conservative outlook has once again been taken on revenues from interest and investments in 2018, at least until the effects of potential interest rate increases and expectations for global growth materialise.

1.3 Environmental impact

19. As part of the IPU's commitment to contribute to the global efforts to tackle climate change, the Organization calculates its greenhouse gas emissions in order to track progress and identify priority areas for action. Official travel is a necessary component of IPU work and emissions from travel are monitored and offset in full. The decision to hold one Assembly each year in Geneva normally helps to restrict carbon usage; in 2018, usage will be reduced even further due to the fact that two Geneva-based Assemblies are planned. The IPU stands out as an international organization that has been systematically offsetting all of its carbon dioxide emissions.
20. The IPU has taken steps to reduce emissions from local transportation. The Organization obtains its electricity entirely from hydraulic sources on offer by the local utility company. The Headquarters has a state-of-the-art heating system and controls, thus limiting the options for further reducing energy consumption. However, the IPU continues to seek and employ environmentally sustainable sources for all required office materials and supplies. It systematically uses its printers/copiers to make double-sided printouts, recycles paper and cardboard and restricts the amount of documents that are printed through its PaperSmart initiative. In 2017, the Organization was also presented with an environmental certificate from PET-Recycling Schweiz for recycling all of its PET waste, thereby saving the related impacts on the environment in terms of greenhouse gases and fuel.
21. This budget includes a provision of CHF 28,000 to offset carbon emissions from regular activities in 2018. The provision offsets the IPU's carbon emissions by paying for activities aimed at reducing the impact of climate change.
22. For 2018, the Governing Council is requested to appropriate funds from the reserve for offsetting carbon emissions to pay for climate change activities undertaken by the IPU, supplementing any funds it may receive from voluntary sources for climate change activities. At present, the reserve of funds that had been set aside and accumulated from previous years is being fully expended on parliamentary involvement in climate change activities each year and is replenished annually through the above provision.

1.4 Gender analysis

- 23. IPU maintains the long-term focus and high profile of its gender-specific programming, as it works to promote and support the participation of women in politics, to protect and promote women's rights in general and to support the empowerment of women. This work is captured and reported under the IPU's Strategic Objective 2.
- 24. The Gender Partnership Programme continues to attract substantial funding from several donors. A higher level of voluntary funding commitments to gender-specific activities is anticipated in 2018. New and existing donors have committed their support or are now finalizing their funding plans, which will allow an estimated CHF 1.2 million to be assigned to the gender programme in 2018.
- 25. Together, the estimates of combined regular budget resources and voluntary funding for gender-specific activities have increased to CHF 1.7 million, which now represents 11 per cent of the total consolidated budget.



2. Income

2.1 Assessed contributions

26. The bulk of the IPU's income budget derives from its Members' assessed contributions. Up until 2011, contributions grew at an average of 3 per cent annually in order to absorb inflationary increases and provide for adequate maintenance and reserves. Since then, the IPU has undergone a series of substantial cuts in Members' contributions due to the internal budget restrictions of many Members, resulting from the economic slowdown and exchange rate movements. Total assessed contributions were reduced by over CHF 2 million per annum coupled with a steady increase in the number of IPU Members from 150 to 173 during the period 2006-2017 which further relieved the burden on existing Members. In real terms, this brought the IPU's regular income down to levels that were last seen during the 1990s. In 2018, while the regular budget remains at these historically low levels, an increase of 2.0 per cent of total contributions from existing Members is budgeted to cover essential new expense items, on the understanding that there will be no further increases in total contributions budgeted in the following two years (2019 and 2020). A further CHF 23,700 has been added to reflect new Member affiliations expected before the end of 2018.

YEAR	ACTUAL CONTRIBUTIONS ASSESSED*	CHANGE OVER PRIOR YEAR
2006	CHF 10,544,590	3.8%
2007	CHF 11,060,266	4.9%
2008	CHF 11,354,900	2.7%
2009	CHF 11,756,000	3.5%
2010	CHF 12,046,100	2.5%
2011	CHF 12,202,390	1.3%
2012	CHF 10,939,900	-10.0%
2013	CHF 10,950,800	0%
2014	CHF 10,952,900	0%
2015	CHF 10,601,676	-3.2%
2016	CHF 10,056,000	-5.1%
2017	CHF 10,238,600	1.5%
2018	CHF 10,443,400	2.0%

**IPU membership grew from 150 to 173 Members during the period 2006 - 2017*

27. In 2011, the Governing Council decided to update the IPU scale of assessment automatically in line with changes to the UN scale. The IPU scale presented with this budget therefore reflects the current UN scale for 2016-2018.

2.2 Staff assessment and other revenues

28. As international civil servants, IPU staff members pay a staff assessment or internal income tax to the IPU. The staff assessment rate is established by the International Civil Service Commission. This internal taxation system will generate gross returns of CHF 1,116,500 in 2018 to the benefit of all Member Parliaments. However, to prevent double taxation, the Organization is obliged to refund the portion of the staff assessment which is related to the national income tax levied on staff members from France and Canada. Such refunds are budgeted at CHF 68,000 for 2018.

29. The supplementary revenues from administration fees, room rentals, souvenir sales and other related sources are expected to amount to CHF 16,000 in 2018. Interest and investment revenues are estimated at CHF 100,000, given the continuing low interest rate environment.

2.3 Voluntary contributions

30. Resource mobilization is estimated to generate voluntary contributions amounting to 25 per cent of the total consolidated budget for 2018 (CHF 4.0 million). The multi-year grant of USD 1.5 million from the Government of China continues to support the IPU in carrying out its programmes to provide capacity-building to parliaments in developing countries, and to contribute to sustainable development. The current multi-year grant of CHF 1.5 million (CAD 2 million) from the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development of Canada to the Gender Partnership Programme continues until the end of 2018. In addition to its generous support to the redevelopment of the IPU website, the United Arab Emirates also provides support to democracy, gender and development programmes. A grant of CHF 200,000 from the Government of Angola supporting IPU work on maternal, newborn and child health is concluding. The Parliament of Micronesia has provided a donation of USD 100,000 to support the IPU's work on migration and refugees. A pledge of CHF 400,000 from the Parliament of Equatorial Guinea is being used for work towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as in the area of youth empowerment. The five-year partnership agreement with WSD is generating USD 3 million in the period 2013-2018 and supports a range of programme activities, including capacity-building and promotion of the impact of young MPs.

31. The 2014-2017 funding agreement with Sida, ends in December 2017 and discussions are under way to secure a further multi-year grant to support the work of the IPU from 2018-2020, particularly in the fields of democracy and development. The IPU still continues to generate interest from a range of potential new donors. New sources of funding will be instrumental in enabling the IPU to contribute effectively to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the coming years. Work on peacebuilding and counterterrorism is expected to expand as new income streams emerge. As always, the Executive Committee will be kept informed of any resources mobilized after the 2018 budget has been approved.
32. The IPU will continue in 2018 to collaborate with the UN family including the UN Development Programme (UNDP) on a range of country-based programmes. The current grants from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health are concluding in 2017 and further agreements are expected to follow shortly. The IPU and UN Women will continue to collaborate on projects at country level such as the parliamentary strengthening project in Turkey that supports women parliamentarians and the Equal Opportunity Committee. A major project has been initiated with UN Women on fighting discrimination in law. Efforts will be made to mobilising resources for this project.

3. Expenditures

3.1 Strategic Objectives

Objective 1 – Build strong, democratic parliaments

Overall Objective

To strengthen parliaments so as to enable them to better contribute to democracy and meet the aspirations of the people.

Issues and Challenges in 2018

The IPU firmly believes that better functioning parliaments make for stronger democracies, a principle which continues to lie at the heart of its work. The IPU will continue its traditional support to enhance the institutional capacity of national parliaments.

The core legislative, oversight and representative functions of parliament are essential to the quality of a country's overall governance. IPU activities provide for an integrated approach to strengthening these functions: from research and the development of norms and tools, to concrete application in national contexts. The improvement of core parliamentary functions also strengthens the implementation of the SDGs, including Goal 16 provisions on building effective and inclusive institutions.

In 2018 the IPU will place a special emphasis on oversight and accountability, in follow up to the publication of the *Global Parliamentary Report* on this subject in October 2017. The report is built on a wealth of examples from the world's parliaments and makes recommendations for actions to strengthen oversight. The IPU will incorporate the report's findings and recommendations into its capacity building activities. In turn, feedback from the practical implementation by parliaments will continue to reinforce IPU's knowledge base on oversight.

In 2018 the IPU will also continue to strengthen the promotion and application of the widely-endorsed *Common Principles for Support to Parliaments*. The *Common Principles* advocate that parliaments themselves are best suited to drive their own development, leading to more effective and sustainable outcomes. Consolidation and implementation of an outcome-based programming approach in line with the *Common Principles* will also continue.

The IPU will continue to develop and promote standards and guidelines for good parliamentary practice. It will better integrate its work on research, standard-setting and technical assistance through enhanced teamwork and planning within the IPU Secretariat, and in close collaboration with Member Parliaments.

Priority will be given to the following areas:

- Enabling national parliaments' own development through tailored context-specific capacity-building programmes that lead to sustained change and stronger democracies.
- Developing tools for enhanced parliamentary functioning; continuing to facilitate parliaments' use of other tools developed by the IPU, including the self-assessment toolkit on parliaments and democracy, the self-assessment toolkit on gender-sensitive parliaments and its plan of action, and indicators for democratic parliaments (currently being developed).
- Consolidating and implementing a programming approach that integrates the *Common Principles for Support to Parliaments* and that also emphasizes: greater monitoring and evaluation; sustainable outcomes; continuous learning; and the capture and duplication of effective change.
- Continuing the development and promotion of tools for parliaments and partners to effectively apply the *Common Principles*, as well as to capture and share experiences and lessons learned. The IPU will also continue to encourage parliaments and partners to endorse the *Common Principles*, further entrenching their value as a worthwhile community-wide tool.
- Integrating the findings of the *Global Parliamentary Report* on oversight into the Organization's capacity building activities and continuing to publish tools to help parliaments strengthen their oversight capacity.

- Contributing to the establishment of a Centre for Innovation in Parliament, which will greatly extend IPU's capacity to support parliaments as they adapt to changes in society in the digital era. The Centre will benefit from the active contribution of parliaments, who will host specialized regional or thematic "hubs" that can provide leadership access to expertise and new knowledge products. A separate full-fledged proposal has been developed and shared with interested parliaments, partners and donors. In addition, the next editions of the biennial *World e-Parliament Report* and Conference will be organized in 2018, and will provide a focus for the exchange of experience among parliaments.
- Linking IPU efforts to strengthen parliaments to the targets in SDGs 16.6 (effective, accountable and transparent institutions) and 16.7 (inclusive, participatory decision-making). Helping parliaments to assess their readiness for the SDGs, to develop national targets within the SDG framework and to contribute to national reporting exercises. Developing parliament-specific indicators for tracking progress towards these goals, as part of a more ambitious effort to develop indicators for democratic parliaments that would monitor overall parliamentary performance.
- The re-launch of IPU's databases on parliaments in a new Open Data Platform, providing parliaments and researchers with national and comparative perspectives on every national parliament. The platform will include more than 100 comparable data points, making it a unique knowledge base on parliaments.
- Mobilizing an ever greater number of parliaments around the International Day of Democracy (15 September) in order to strengthen dialogue between parliaments and citizens. Leading a global campaign to stimulate public interest in, and support for, democracy, linked to IPU's Universal Declaration on Democracy.
- Publishing topical research on issues facing parliaments today.
- Maintaining IPU participation in the international democracy debate, providing parliamentary input to the major international democracy movements and encouraging rapprochement between them.

In line with the *Common Principles for Support to Parliaments*, the IPU will strive to better serve the interests of parliaments through the enhancement of strong partnerships at all levels. In addition to maintaining strong ties to parliaments themselves, coordination and collaboration with parliamentary support partners, academics, and others will continue, ensuring greater access to quality expertise, visibility, and active engagement with the latest trends in democratic development.

Gender Mainstreaming

The IPU believes that the participation of men and women in decision-making on an equal footing is at the heart of democratic functioning. It furthermore believes that mainstreaming gender in the work of parliaments makes for stronger institutions that deliver on the interests of all people.

The work of the IPU resource centre will continue to include research on women's political participation and to monitor progress and setbacks in that area. All research products will include a gender dimension, will build on a gender analysis of issues and questions raised, and will be tailored to the needs of both men and women. All capacity building projects will be developed so as to implement Common Principle 6, which outlines that parliamentary development should be gender-sensitive. Projects will stem from a gender analysis of situations and needs, and will also aim to secure gender equality in terms of involvement in the management and delivery of activities. In so doing, technical assistance will contribute to the promotion of gender equality in and by parliaments.

Estimates, by nature of expenditure, with previous-year comparable (CHF)

	Regular Budget	Other Sources	All Funds
2016 Final	1,425,900	1,571,800	2,997,700
2017 Approved	1,411,100	1,017,600	2,428,700
2018 Approved	1,430,600	891,300	2,321,900
• Salaries	1,212,200	185,200	1,397,400
• Services	95,800	435,500	531,300
• Travel	111,600	200,300	311,900
• Material	11,000	70,300	81,300

Objective 2 – Advance gender equality and respect for women’s rights

Overall Objective

To build gender sensitive institutions that respect and deliver on gender equality, and to promote respect for women’s rights and support the empowerment of women.

Issues and Challenges in 2018

Advancing gender equality

The IPU officially recognized the linkages between democracy and gender equality in 1997 in its Universal Declaration on Democracy. Since then, it has been a strong advocate of equal participation of men and women in politics and parliament. Through its support to parliaments to implement the SDGs, the IPU will pursue its efforts to advance gender equality in law and practice and to empower women and girls.

In 2018, the IPU will continue advocating for women’s participation in politics, tracking numbers, monitoring progress and setbacks and issuing policy guidance for parliaments and other stakeholders on means to support and enhance women’s share in parliament.

While numbers are of the utmost importance as they reflect the state of equality in participation, the influence that both men and women parliamentarians have on policy-making for gender equality and ultimately for the good of all people will also be high on the IPU’s agenda. A new research project on the influence of women parliamentarians will be implemented in 2018. Tailored programmes of support will be implemented to build or reinforce the capacities of women parliamentarians.

The IPU will also step up its support to parliaments in becoming more gender-sensitive institutions. In 2018 it will provide guidance tools on gender mainstreaming. It will also continue supporting parliamentary reforms for gender equality. Last but not least, it will further encourage parliaments to carry out gender-sensitive self-assessment exercises using the [Evaluating the gender sensitivity of parliaments](#) toolkit

Taking action to repeal discrimination in legislation and eliminate violence against women and girls will also continue to be a high priority in 2018. The IPU will provide support to parliaments, including their male and female members, to champion legal reform for gender equality. Workshops, legal advice and expertise will be available for parliaments that wish to embark on legal review. Building on the Global Parliamentary Report (2017), the IPU will also provide support to parliaments and their members in their oversight of gender equality policies and legislation, including by supporting gender sensitive budgeting efforts.

In 2018, the IPU will also continue supporting parliamentary action to adopt and enforce a strong and effective legal framework that prevents and addresses all forms of violence against women. Successful strategies to implement legislation and policies to combat violence against women will be given major attention. Activities will include training seminars, legislative drafting assistance, support for awareness-raising activities, public consultations, and parliamentary oversight and monitoring mechanisms. Following up on the research and guidelines produced to address harassment, intimidation and violence against women in parliament, the IPU will support parliaments in taking action to reduce and prevent political violence against women.

In addition to support to women parliamentarians, in 2018 special emphasis will be laid on raising awareness about gender equality among men parliamentarians and supporting their capacities and actions in the field of women’s rights.

The IPU will continue to work in partnership with UN agencies (UN Women, UNDP) and other international organizations (e.g. the Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance – International IDEA, the National Democratic Institute - NDI).

In sum, the IPU’s gender equality work will contribute to the implementation of SDGs 5 and 16.

Gender Mainstreaming

All of the activities in this section aim to promote gender mainstreaming both internally, at its Secretariat and governance level, and externally, through its work in support to national parliaments. Particular attention will be paid to encouraging gender balance in political processes and parliamentary debates. This includes enhancing women's participation but also engaging men on gender-related activities. For instance, parity debates will be organised at least once a year during Assemblies. These debates, which have gender parity on the panel and gender balance among participants, may focus on any issue of concern while including a gender lens. The IPU will also continue to play an active role in the International Gender Champions Initiative, which includes the IPU Secretary General and the Head of the Office of the Permanent Observer of the IPU to the UN. The gender partnership programme will build on this platform so the IPU can lead the way in ensuring women have an equal voice in national and international political processes through dedicated mechanisms such as quotas. The Programme also provides support and input, whenever possible, to the work of other programmes and divisions, thereby contributing to gender mainstreaming efforts within the IPU.

Estimates, by nature of expenditure, with previous-year comparable (CHF)

	Regular Budget	Other Sources	All Funds
2016 Final	732,800	858,500	1,591,300
2017 Approved	622,100	933,800	1,555,900
2018 Approved	532,200	1,166,800	1,699,000
• Salaries	416,000	233,800	649,800
• Services	61,300	499,000	560,300
• Travel	40,500	235,500	276,000
• Material	14,400	198,500	212,900

Objective 3 – Protect and promote human rights

Overall Objective

To defend the human rights of parliamentarians and enhance the contribution of parliaments to the promotion and protection of human rights and humanitarian law.

Issues and Challenges in 2018

In 2018, parliamentarians who face harassment in the exercise of their mandate are likely to continue to turn to the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians for protection and redress. In 2018, the IPU will promote enhanced visibility for the Committee through the production of new information tools and the extended use of existing ones. The Committee will look at new ways to enhance its effectiveness, including through stronger engagement with the IPU membership at large, other IPU bodies and geopolitical groups. It will also make a particular effort to integrate gender considerations in the review of its case load. The Committee will explore possibilities for enhanced cooperation with other international human rights mechanisms, such as the UN Human Rights Committee, as well as regional structures.

Since 2013, the IPU has engaged the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in an effort to have it work more closely with the IPU and national parliaments. Particular emphasis has been placed on enhancing parliaments' contribution to the Council's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) through which it periodically examines the human rights situation of all UN Member States. Most recently, in 2017, the Council adopted a resolution in which it expresses support for stronger synergies with parliaments and requests the IPU to promote stronger parliamentary engagement with the Council. The IPU will therefore step up its efforts to provide a parliamentary input into the work of the UNHRC, in particular its UPR.

Parliaments are increasingly aware of international and regional standards in support of human rights and the rule of law. The IPU will increase its efforts to help ensure that this awareness leads to stronger national parliamentary action to implement these standards. For this purpose, the IPU will focus on the following:

- Assisting and mobilizing parliaments to contribute effectively to the reporting procedures of UN human rights mechanisms; these efforts will focus on the examination of country situations by the UNHRC (through its UPR) and by key UN human rights treaty bodies, and on the implementation of their recommendations.
- Strengthening national parliamentary structures and processes in support of human rights and the rule of law.
- Promoting better understanding of parliamentary work on human rights and the rule of law, including through the identification of good practices.

The IPU's longstanding engagement on children's rights is based on the idea that parliaments can do much to foster respect for the rights of the child. In 2018, the IPU will:

- Continue to mobilize parliaments towards eradicating child labour and trafficking.
- Promote parliamentary engagement with the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child and with UN special mandate holders on children's rights.
- Reinvigorate cooperation with UNICEF to promote parliamentary action around a common priority agenda.

In 2018, the IPU will promote parliamentary awareness and action around topical and urgent international human rights challenges. These challenges include: respect for the right to freedom of expression, migration governance from a human rights perspective and respect for the rule of law, in particular issues related to equal access to justice and the fight against corruption.

The IPU will continue to help parliaments ensure respect for international humanitarian law, mainly through the activities of its Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law. It will support parliaments' efforts aimed at the dissemination, wider appreciation and enforcement of humanitarian and refugee protection law, including in respect

of statelessness and internal displacement. It will disseminate and encourage the use of the updated versions of the handbooks on International Humanitarian Law and on Refugee Protection. It will also provide support to parliaments to take action to end statelessness. The IPU also plans to carry out fact-finding missions in order to keep the global parliamentary community abreast of developments in these various areas.

2018 should see the production of a practical tool-kit for the IPU Secretariat aimed at ensuring that human rights considerations are systematically taken into account in the work of the Organization.

The work under this section will contribute to advancing the implementation of all SDGs and in particular SDG 16 in its reference to the need for peace, justice and strong institutions.

Gender Mainstreaming

Gender is a cross-cutting issue and policies and activities implemented within the Human Rights Programme will be gender-sensitive. They will promote gender equality, including by ensuring the equal participation and involvement of men and women. Gender is also a human rights issue as it relates to women's political rights. Special efforts will be made to ensure that the Organization's work to promote a human rights-based approach and gender mainstreaming are mutually reinforcing.

Estimates, by nature of expenditure, with previous-year comparable (CHF)

	Regular Budget	Other Sources	All Funds
2016 Final	1,024,700	429,800	1,454,500
2017 Approved	1,032,800	505,600	1,538,400
2018 Approved	1,039,000	430,500	1,469,500
• Salaries	841,000	209,800	1,050,800
• Services	48,000	159,400	207,400
• Travel	131,000	50,300	181,300
• Material	19,000	11,000	30,000

Objective 4 – Contribute to peacebuilding, conflict prevention and security

Overall Objective

To promote reconciliation through dialogue and inclusiveness: to strengthen the role of parliament in peacebuilding at national, regional and global levels and at all stages, from conflict prevention to mediation, reconciliation and transition out of conflict. To establish and reinforce platforms for parliaments' involvement in conflict resolution through parliamentary diplomacy. To enhance the role of parliaments in the implementation of international commitments related to security and disarmament.

Issues and Challenges in 2018

The IPU was founded on the principle that political differences shall be settled by peaceful means and dialogue, and that parliament is a key actor in conflict prevention and resolution, as well as in managing transition out of conflict. Parliaments as enablers of democracy and development, must play a key role in the implementation of the SDGs, and more precisely of the Goal 16 provisions which call for peaceful, just and inclusive societies, free from fear, conflict and insecurity.

Dialogue and inclusiveness are crucial to building consensus in countries experiencing conflict or other crises. In such countries parliamentarians can be messengers of peace by promoting tolerance and peaceful coexistence. Parliaments should provide a forum to promote national reconciliation and inclusive decision-making processes. These processes can be instrumental in bringing together various parties including opposition and majority parties and fostering policies conducive to conflict resolution and post-conflict recovery. In 2018 the IPU will continue providing support to such parliaments, particularly in countries receiving assistance through the UN Peacebuilding Commission.

The IPU will continue assisting parliaments by providing a neutral venue for parliamentary diplomacy to help defuse tensions or prevent violent conflict. Upon demand, the IPU will help parliaments overcome bottlenecks and obstacles in the way they operate, and contribute to the speedy normalization of parliamentary practices.

In recent years, parliaments have had to deal with a number of new security threats, from both State and non-state actors. In 2018, the IPU will support parliaments to fill the implementation gap in international commitments related to disarmament and counter-terrorism. This will involve sensitization, capacity-building and practical tools to ensure development of legislative frameworks, effective oversight and budget allocations as well as strong public awareness.

The IPU will also contribute to relevant meetings and debates in order to bring parliamentary perspectives to peace and security discussions and to related issues in the international arena.

Guided by the needs of parliaments and the necessity of fostering a parliamentary approach to global peace-related debates, the IPU will give priority to the following areas:

- Assisting parliaments in establishing inclusive mechanisms for decision-making in order to ensure that all Members participate in devising policies that serve the common good. Focus will be on cooperation between opposition and majority parties, men and women, and between the legislative and the executive in order for the country to smoothly and swiftly recover from crises/conflict.
- Reinforcing the involvement of parliaments in conflict prevention and national reconciliation processes through outreach visits, by strengthening the link between parliament and constituencies, thereby enhancing public trust in parliament.
- Providing parliamentary perspectives to peace-related debates at the international level by contributing to the yearly Geneva Peace Week and similar events.
- Increasing the IPU's capacity to mediate political tensions within a parliament, and to help parliaments contribute to conflict resolution between States, especially in regions where intractable conflicts exist.
- Promoting dialogue between parties through formal forums such as the Committee on Middle East Questions, the Group of Facilitators for Cyprus and other more informal platforms.

- Deepening work with the UN and other partners by mobilizing parliamentary action in support of IPU and UN security-related commitments on arms control, disarmament, non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and counter-terrorism. Promoting parliamentary involvement in addressing the root causes of violent extremism and terrorism and developing tools and guidance to that effect.

Gender Mainstreaming

Prominence will continue to be given to raising awareness of the cross-cutting issue of gender and to ensuring the involvement of women in decision-making, particularly in post-conflict countries. Parliaments will be urged to ensure the full participation of women in project activities and to send gender-balanced delegations to seminars. The IPU will pay particular attention to the effects of conflict on women and the role of women in peace-building and reconciliation processes. Specific emphasis will be placed on implementing UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, as well as Security Council Resolution 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security, the latter of which advocates for a greater representation of young men and women in activities to prevent and resolve conflict.

Estimates, by nature of expenditure, with previous-year comparable (CHF)

	Regular Budget	Other Sources	All Funds
2016 Final	40,000	54,000	94,000
2017 Approved	148,300	354,000	502,300
2018 Approved	151,200	354,000	505,200
• Salaries	111,200	0	111,200
• Services	8,000	130,800	138,800
• Travel	32,000	31,800	63,800
• Material	0	6,200	6,200
• Grants	0	185,200	185,200

Objective 5 – Promote inter-parliamentary dialogue and cooperation

Overall Objective

To make the IPU more relevant to its Members and advance towards universal membership. To enhance engagement by parliaments and parliamentarians in IPU meetings and other activities, paying special attention to political and gender balance and youth participation. To make the statutory Assemblies more effective and to ensure better follow up on their outcomes. To facilitate greater coherence in parliamentary cooperation.

Issues and Challenges in 2018

The two statutory Assemblies of the year remain a key component of IPU's work. The Assemblies, complemented by other IPU activities and events, provide a unique platform for Member Parliaments to come together, exchange views and address issues of particular relevance to parliaments and the broader international community. Delegations are politically diverse, with a growing focus on gender equality and youth participation. The comprehensive political agenda of Assemblies, coupled with the regular meetings of the main IPU bodies and structures, offer participating MPs ample opportunities to actively engage and identify avenues for joint action. In addition to the formal sessions, IPU Assemblies also provide valuable opportunities for bilateral meetings and parliamentary diplomacy.

Successful Assemblies require a topical agenda, comprehensive and timely documentation, a format which is conducive to dialogue and interaction, and the participation of legislators who regularly deal with the issues under consideration. New modalities will be explored to improve the outcomes from the annual reporting exercise. IPU's paper smart policy will be pursued and new tools such as the conference Apps and online registration will be used more widely.

The IPU Secretariat will make every effort to ensure regular communication with IPU office holders and the broader membership, both during and outside the Assemblies. Efforts will also be made to enhance interaction between the IPU's statutory bodies and the geopolitical groups. The meeting with the Chairs of the geopolitical groups has proven to be an effective tool in this direction, and hence will continue to be developed.

IPU membership has grown steadily in recent years. That will need to continue in the year ahead. The IPU will reach out directly and bring specific activities closer to the parliaments of small island States in the Pacific and Caribbean regions where IPU membership is low. Greater efforts will be made to work with Members in building support for the IPU among the leadership of the US Congress. Special attention will also be paid to enhancing regular dialogue and more systematic cooperation with the regional and other parliamentary organizations holding associate member and permanent observer status with the IPU.

In 2018, priority will be given to the following areas:

- Enhancing dialogue and cooperation with non-member parliaments in the Pacific and Caribbean regions, as well as with the US Congress, with a view to future IPU membership.
- Effective management of the new Parliamentary Solidarity Fund, with a view to providing greater momentum and more structured engagement with non-Member parliaments.
- Continuing to improve the working modalities of the IPU, thus enhancing the participation of parliaments and parliamentarians in the work of the IPU.
- Encouraging and supporting parliamentary diplomacy initiatives in the context of IPU Assemblies and specialized meetings.
- Working with Members and geopolitical groups to facilitate follow-up and implementation of IPU decisions and recommendations, and to further improve the statutory reporting process by Members.
- Developing closer ties with regional and other parliamentary organizations, including in terms of more joint initiatives, with a view to building synergies and strengthening efforts in areas of mutual interest.

Gender Mainstreaming

The Forum of Women Parliamentarians, its Bureau and the Gender Partnership Group work to ensure that women delegates are involved at all levels of the Assembly's work, and that Members continue to meet and surpass the target of 30 per cent women delegates. The new IPU structural reforms aim to enhance greater representation by women in IPU decision-making bodies, including the IPU Executive Committee. Progress will be monitored on a regular basis. Gender mainstreaming will continue in a variety of ways, in terms of IPU decisions and outcomes as well as ensuring gender equality among IPU office holders.

Estimates, by nature of expenditure, with previous-year comparable (CHF)

	Regular Budget	Other Sources	All Funds
2016 Final	3,201,400	0	3,201,400
2017 Approved	3,182,000	0	3,182,000
2018 Approved	3,159,400	0	3,159,400
• Salaries	2,556,700	0	2,556,700
• Services	207,500	0	207,500
• Travel	118,300	0	118,300
• Material	276,900	0	276,900

*Objective 6 – Promote youth empowerment***Overall Objective**

To promote youth participation in politics and empower young parliamentarians.
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Issues and Challenges in 2018

Democracy requires the engagement of young women and men, not only because they have a right to participate in decision-making, but also because they are crucial to tackling the many challenges faced by societies, including poverty, discrimination, inequality, violent extremism, migration, climate change, conflict and barriers to education and employment. Failure to include youth in political decision-making processes not only exacerbates their dwindling interest and involvement in formal political activity, but also deprives people of all ages from the contributions and unique perspectives that youth can bring to these areas. While the SDGs call for the participation of all, including young men and women, in the delivery of equitable and sustainable development that leaves no one behind, Goal 16 specifically calls for inclusive political institutions.

Supporting youth empowerment and their participation in politics promotes active youth citizenship and strengthens social responsibility. It offers innovation, creativity and new thinking that address growing socio-economic, political, cultural and environmental challenges. The political empowerment of young people therefore has the potential to lead to more effective and inclusive political institutions. Channelling young people's talent and energy can secure fair and sustainable development for all.

In 2018, the IPU will promote greater youth participation in politics and decision-making by continuing to fill the existing gap in global-level data and information on the political engagement of young people. This will include ongoing monitoring of trends in youth representation and in the participation of young people in parliament. In 2018, this data will be available in an online open-source format. The IPU will also work to implement measures to enhance the numbers and influence of young MPs at IPU Assemblies. It will produce guidelines designed to foster greater youth involvement in parliaments around the world and boost their impact through campaigns, such as *Not Too Young to Run*, and through direct technical support to parliaments on legislative initiatives. It will expand its work to empower young parliamentarians by providing digital and non-digital network platforms, including through the IPU Forum of Young Parliamentarians, the annual Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians, regional meetings and tailored national capacity-building workshops aimed at enhancing the skills of young MPs.

In 2018, the IPU will also intensify its work in enhancing youth perspectives in the work of parliament. While parliaments often have a variety of entry points for the population to infuse their perspectives, the inclusion of youth perspectives remains under-developed. In 2018, the IPU will research existing practices in integrating youth perspectives in parliament and produce recommendations and guidelines for its promotion. Special emphasis will be placed on the use of ICT and social media by parliaments. The IPU will also initiate projects of direct support to national parliaments to help facilitate the implementation of measures that enhance youth perspectives. An underpinning objective throughout all these activities will be to achieve heightened visibility and to promote the importance of increased youth empowerment. This will be realized by, among other, strengthening partnerships, harnessing social media, and using information and communication technologies.

Gender Mainstreaming

In the work of the youth programme, research data will continue to be disaggregated by gender, and all activities will include components that focus on gender-related issues. Particular emphasis will be placed on the empowerment of young women parliamentarians, young women activists and representatives of youth organizations.

Estimates, by nature of expenditure, with previous-year comparable (CHF)

	Regular Budget	Other Sources	All Funds
2016 Final	0	303,200	303,200
2017 Approved	0	329,600	329,600
2018 Approved	79,700	337,500	417,200
• Salaries	59,700	105,100	164,800
• Services	14,000	95,000	109,000
• Travel	0	39,500	39,500
• Material	6,000	97,900	103,900

Objective 7 – Mobilize parliaments around the global development agenda

Overall Objective

To enhance parliamentary action on the SDGs and assist parliaments in ensuring national ownership of development policies and programmes in several targeted areas.

Issues and Challenges in 2018

As representatives of the people and a pillar of democratic governance, parliaments have an essential role to play in eradicating poverty and achieving sustainable development. Members of parliament can ensure that national development plans are informed by the people's priorities, that they speak on behalf of the poor and other marginalized and vulnerable groups, and can ensure national ownership of development policies and programmes. The IPU Strategy aims to assist parliaments in achieving this in a number of areas linked to the internationally agreed development commitments and in particular the SDGs.

In 2018, the IPU will continue to raise awareness about the SDGs among parliaments. It will provide a platform to help parliaments take action and exchange experiences and good practices to translate the goals into national plans and strategies and make their objectives a reality for all. Such exchanges will be fostered at the regional level. At the national level, the IPU will respond to requests from parliaments to take action on specific goals or aspects of the framework, such as the budgeting and financing of the SDGs. Through these activities the IPU will also promote parliamentary engagement and contribution to effective development cooperation and related structures and mechanisms such as the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation.

In order to assist parliaments in taking action on the SDGs, the IPU will facilitate the use of its SDG self-assessment toolkit whose purpose is to help parliaments assess their readiness and capacity to engage in SDG implementation and relevant processes at the national level, and take an informed decision in this regard. The information obtained from this exercise will also be channeled to the UN High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development as a parliamentary contribution.

With regard to specific development goals and targets, the IPU will pursue action in:

Promoting health and well-being for all: the IPU will continue to work closely with its partners to ensure access to health services without discrimination. This work will include development of required capacities and competencies in the parliaments of selected countries to contribute to better health outcomes for women, children, adolescents, and other marginalized groups like men who have sex with men and people who inject drugs. The IPU will mobilise parliaments to contribute to global debates on health, such as in the World Health Assembly, in order to bring the parliamentary perspective to these debates and to encourage inclusive outcomes. The ultimate goal will be to provide strong contributions to some of the health-related SDG targets, in particular to efforts to end AIDS by 2030; ensure universal health coverage; and implement the provisions of the Global Strategy on Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health.

Climate change and disaster risk reduction: At the national and regional level, the IPU will work to raise awareness in parliaments of the challenges posed by climate change, opportunities provided by the Paris Agreement and the importance of regional and global cooperation. More concretely, the IPU will work with key scientific and policy institutions to enhance knowledge and capacities in parliaments to contribute to action on climate change through legislation, representation and oversight. The IPU will also continue to mobilize parliaments around the UN Climate Change Conference so as to ensure greater understanding and support for the global action.

In all these areas the IPU will work with its partners to produce knowledge products for parliamentarians and document examples of good parliamentary practice.

Gender Mainstreaming

IPU focuses on gender equality and women's empowerment not only as human rights, but also because they are a pathway to achieving the SDGs. Several of the activities are specifically geared towards ensuring access to health for women and girls, and gender equality in development. Gender equality considerations are mainstreamed in all SDG-related activities and SDG self-assessments are often carried out together with gender-sensitive parliament assessments. The health-related activities regularly include men in discussing reproductive and women's health issues. The impact of climate change on women is also regularly highlighted and considered through relevant IPU work.

Estimates, by nature of expenditure, with previous-year comparable (CHF)

	Regular Budget	Other Sources	All Funds
2016 Final	0	1,054,400	1,054,400
2017 Approved	0	1,083,700	1,083,700
2018 Approved	150,200	822,500	972,700
• Salaries	150,200	273,600	423,800
• Services	0	264,000	264,000
• Travel	0	202,900	202,900
• Material	0	82,000	82,000

*Objective 8 – Bridge the democracy gap in international relations***Overall Objective**

To enhance the strategic partnership between the IPU and the UN system and strengthen the parliamentary voice in international affairs. To help democratize global decision-making through the UN, the cornerstone of multilateralism. To further develop dialogue and cooperation with other multilateral institutions, in particular the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Issues and Challenges in 2018

In 2018, the IPU will continue to build on its strong partnership with the UN. It will seek increasingly effective ways to actively meet the high expectations of UN and IPU Members, engaging parliaments in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other international commitments on democracy, peace and security, and human rights. In the process, the IPU will aim to build on the outcomes of the Fourth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament and of the UN Summit in 2015, as well as on its strategic Cooperation Agreement with the UN. In 2018, the IPU will work to ensure a vibrant UNSG report on the resolution *Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union* that reflects well on the ever growing UN-IPU relationship. The IPU will seek adoption of a new General Assembly Resolution *Interaction between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union*, with many Members States signing on as co-sponsors.

The IPU will also build on its successful partnership with the European Parliament in convening a parliamentary process about the WTO. It provides an invaluable platform for legislators to engage with WTO officials and negotiators, bring a parliamentary component to the work of the WTO, and enhance accountability and parliamentary oversight of the WTO and of international trade in general.

The broad institutional challenges to be addressed in 2018 will include: building a good and substantive relationship with the new UN Secretary-General and the incoming General Assembly President; coordinating with the UN in its work with the worldwide parliamentary community as documented in the 2016 Report of the UN Secretary-General; and identifying new entry points for the IPU as part of the expected restructuring of the UN development system.

In the context of international efforts to implement the SDGs, the IPU will contribute to the HLPF as the main global hub for monitoring and follow-up. The IPU Standing Committee on UN Affairs will regularly review progress on the SDGs. It will continue to guide IPU policies relating to the UN. In addition to continuing engagement with the UN Development Cooperation Forum and the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation, more attention will be paid to the new Forum on Financing for Development which is linked to the HLPF. A highlight of the year will be the joint Parliamentary Hearing at the UN which will focus on migration issues and contribute to the development of the Global Compact for safe, orderly and regular migration.

Consistent with the strategic objectives in other work areas for the year (human rights, gender, security etc.), the IPU will continue to work closely with key UN partners such as UNDP, UN Women, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), UNAIDS and WHO, in addition to the WTO. The IPU will also provide direct political input on major issues on its agenda to the General Assembly, the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the Security Council Committees (counter-terrorism; weapons of mass destructions), the Peacebuilding Commission, the Commission on the Status of Women, and the Human Rights Council

Gender Mainstreaming

The IPU will continue to work with the main UN bodies, in particular UN Women, to promote gender equality and the political empowerment of women. The IPU will seek to achieve a better gender balance in the distribution of roles during the meetings it organizes at the UN. It will also seek to give greater visibility to the work of the IPU and its Member Parliaments on gender mainstreaming, in UN debates and reports. In all of the above, the Secretary General and the Head of the Office of the Permanent Observer of the IPU to the UN will ensure that panels and workshops organized by the IPU are gender balanced and fulfil the commitments they made as International Gender Champions.

Estimates, by nature of expenditure, with previous-year comparable (CHF)

	Regular Budget	Other Sources	All Funds
2016 Final	837,300	0	837,300
2017 Approved	893,000	0	893,000
2018 Approved	923,000	0	923,000
• Salaries	658,300	0	658,300
• Services	39,700	0	39,700
• Travel	36,700	0	36,700
• Material	188,300	0	188,300

3.2 Enablers

Effective internal governance and oversight

Enabling actions

The Secretariat will support the IPU's governing bodies in their functions of directing and overseeing the Organization's work. Specifically, the Secretariat will provide support on matters related to financial management and risk assessment. The Secretariat will endeavour to ensure that the IPU complies with the highest reporting and audit standards, as well as other international management best practices.

Issues and Challenges in 2018

The Strategy for 2017-2021 seeks to build strong democratic parliaments that serve the people, and to identify and implement effective means to accomplish that. The Secretariat will seek to provide that support to the governance structures, to maintain stability and to protect the Organization and its assets through a period of change and volatility in the world at large.

Priority will be given to the following areas:

- Consolidating reforms in the organizational structure of the Secretariat and preserving a well maintained, secure Headquarters.
- Reinforcing internal governance and oversight, servicing the Executive Committee and its Sub-committee on Finance, and mobilizing an optimal level of external resources for the Organization.
- Improving IPU systems and procedures and strengthening a results-based management system while constantly integrating modern ICT and an updated performance evaluation system throughout the Organization.

Gender Mainstreaming

The Executive Office will continue to supervise and guide the implementation of a gender-mainstreaming policy for the Organization. Mainstreaming requires ensuring that a gender perspective and the gender equality goal are at the centre of all activities – policy development, research, advocacy, dialogue, legislation, resource allocation and planning, and the implementation and monitoring of programmes and projects.

Estimates, by nature of expenditure, with previous-year comparable (CHF)

	Regular Budget	Other Sources	All Funds
2016 Final	848,700	0	848,700
2017 Approved	854,700	0	854,700
2018 Approved	867,900	0	867,900
• Salaries	648,800	0	648,800
• Services	45,000	0	45,000
• Travel	156,300	0	156,300
• Material	17,800	0	17,800

Visibility, advocacy and communications

Enabling actions

In a complex and crowded environment, evolving communication technologies have a profound impact on the sharing of information and the shaping of opinions, public behaviour and political action. The IPU's voice has never been so important. The success of its drive to build a democratic world where peace, security and development are a reality for everyone depends on its ability to promote its values and vision. Strong, strategic communications make full and innovative use of diverse communication platforms, tools and techniques; strengthen credibility; ensure knowledge-sharing; build expertise; and enhance engagement among Members. Effective communication on how the IPU's work can and does deliver positive change for people is critically important to its mission.

Issues and Challenges in 2018

The IPU will continue to cement progress on raising awareness and visibility of the Organization through its online presence, publications and media/social media work, using qualitative, innovative and diverse means. In addition to sustaining visibility on gender issues and data, it will continue to build on recent successful efforts to promote greater awareness of human rights, youth and development issues. This will ensure a more holistic knowledge of the IPU's work and of challenges to democracy. It will also help to position the IPU as the reference organization on parliaments and democracy.

Communications initiatives with partner organizations on a range of issues will similarly continue to reach different audiences, as will outreach efforts, such as briefings about the Organization and its work.

Work to enhance and develop the IPU's online presence and tools to support it will continue to progress.

Priority will be given to the following:

- Consolidating the IPU website to better meet user needs in English and French and to reflect more accurately the IPU's current work and objectives.
- Centralizing and streamlining the management of electronic and online data in order to enhance communications with both the IPU membership and targeted audiences.
- Publications on IPU and parliamentary issues, including the e-Parliament Report, that strengthen efforts to position the Organization advantageously, and support the IPU's fund-raising efforts.
- Increasing outreach to target audiences.

Gender Mainstreaming

Every effort will be made to ensure that a gender perspective is incorporated into all communication policies, programmes and activities, and that communications material produced by the IPU is gender-sensitive both in form and content.

Estimates, by nature of expenditure, with previous-year comparable (CHF)

	Regular Budget	Other Sources	All Funds
2016 Final	967,800	0	967,800
2017 Approved	1,086,900	0	1,086,900
2018 Approved	1,026,200	0	1,026,200
• Salaries	775,200	0	775,200
• Services	206,000	0	206,000
• Travel	10,000	0	10,000
• Material	35,000	0	35,000

Gender mainstreaming and a rights-based approach

Enabling actions

The inclusion and mainstreaming of gender equality and human rights in the IPU's work will enhance effectiveness and delivery on key objectives. The IPU has adopted a gender mainstreaming policy and strategy that it will continue to implement, including through the development of tools, training sessions and reforms. It has also developed a strategy outlining how to implement a rights-based approach, which it will continue to pursue. Through that, it will enhance the IPU's own capacity and that of parliaments to promote and ensure respect for gender equality and human rights. This approach is part and parcel of the *Common Principles for Support to Parliaments*, which the IPU spearheaded and enforces.

Issues and Challenges in 2018

In 2018, the IPU will continue to implement the workplan to mainstream gender in all of its work and structures, based on the gender mainstreaming document approved by the governing bodies. It will also implement a human rights-based approach to the work of the Organization.

The challenge will be to ensure cohesion between implementing gender mainstreaming and the rights-based approach. There will be a particular focus on: developing and providing common tools; building staff capacity; strengthening indicators; and monitoring programmes and projects from a gender and human rights perspective.

Estimates, by nature of expenditure, with previous-year comparable (CHF)

	Regular Budget	Other Sources	All Funds
2016 Final	5,000	0	5,000
2017 Approved	10,000	0	10,000
2018 Approved	10,000	0	10,000
• Salaries	0	0	0
• Services	10,000	0	10,000
• Travel	0	0	0
• Material	0	0	0

*A properly resourced and efficient Secretariat***Enabling actions**

The Secretariat is committed to identifying and securing adequate resources to implement the IPU's Strategy through its membership and its network of partners. It encourages systematic planning, performance monitoring and reporting. It promotes parliamentary standards and norms. The Secretariat will seek to carry out its functions with efficiency, professionalism and accountability and is committed to the ongoing professional development of its staff.

Issues and Challenges in 2018

The functions of the Support Services Division include finance, administration and human resources. Its budget also covers expenditure related to office accommodation, asset depreciation, equipment rental, ICT materials and supplies. The increase in extrabudgetary funding in recent years has led to an additional emphasis on contract review and grant management.

Priority will be given to the following areas:

- Enhancing the security of IPU Headquarters so as to adhere to the norms and standards appropriate to international organizations in the current climate.
- Refining the staff rules and the staff appraisal system.
- Identifying and offering to staff training opportunities to improve on the quality of performance.
- Maintaining full compliance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards.

The Division will continue to service the Executive Committee's Sub-committee on Finance and constantly develop and improve internal control systems and processes.

Gender Mainstreaming

The budget process requires all managers to identify the gender issues relevant to their division or programme in order to mainstream gender.

The specific gender issues identified within the Support Services Division relate to recruitment and training. As a result of a proactive policy of employment equity, women continue to make up more than half of the professional grades in the Secretariat. The budget includes information on the gender composition of the Secretariat in Section 3.5.

Human resource policies are regularly reviewed to ensure they do not disadvantage women.

Estimates, by nature of expenditure, with previous-year comparable

	Regular Budget	Other Sources	All Funds
2016 Final	2,649,400	0	2,649,400
2017 Approved	2,668,900	0	2,668,900
2018 Approved	2,681,700	0	2,681,700
• Salaries	1,562,500	0	1,562,500
• Services	115,400	0	115,400
• Travel	6,400	0	6,400
• Material	460,000	0	460,000
• Financial charges	33,400	0	33,400
• Amortization	504,000	0	504,000

3.3 Provisions and Grants

Overall Objective

To provide adequate funding for present and future liabilities in accordance with prudent financial management practice and to fund a grant to the Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP) to support its functioning.

Issues and Challenges in 2018

Financial provisions and grant payments need to be made in appropriate amounts and in accordance with clear and approved policies. Policy bases need to be developed for the five financial provisions and grants included in the budget.

The IPU sets aside funds to be used to offset carbon dioxide emissions from its activities, primarily travel. The amount of the contribution is currently determined by an online calculator, which estimates the investment that is required to compensate for emissions from travel reported by the Secretariat.

A reserve has been established for major repair work on the IPU Headquarters building. The reserve will be used to cover the depreciation cost of the work required to double-glaze and protect the windows of the Headquarters. As of 1 January 2017, this reserve has held a balance of CHF 428,000.

The reserve for doubtful accounts is a provision that comes into effect in the event that certain Members are suspended and their contributions, which have already been recognized as revenue, are never received. Based on historical payment performance, the expected 2018 contribution to the provision has been set at CHF 48,000.

The IPU provides an annual grant to the ASGP in an amount that is determined each year. This is provided at a level that is sufficient to meet expenses not funded from other sources. The grant was increased to CHF 38,000 in 2017 to enable the ASGP to reach out to more language groups through additional interpretation and translation services, and will remain at this level in 2018.

The IPU is contractually bound to guarantee the payment of the pensions of 10 former employees of the Secretariat. The closed pension fund is consolidated into the accounts of the IPU and its reserves are invested in a flexible LPP fund.

Gender Mainstreaming

The budget allocations under this heading have no particular impact on men or women. As a legacy of the former employee profile of the IPU, the pension payments from the legacy pension fund are paid evenly to women and men.

Estimates, by nature of expenditure, with previous-year comparable

	Regular Budget	Other Sources	All Funds
2016 Final	105,000	0	105,000
2017 Approved	106,000	0	106,000
2018 Approved	114,000	0	114,000

2018 Estimates, by objective and source of funds (CHF)

Objective	Regular Budget	Other Sources	All Funds
1. Statutory reserves and liabilities (net)	48,000	0	48,000
2. Assist the ASGP	38,000	0	38,000
3. Offset carbon emissions	28,000	0	28,000
> Grand total	114,000	0	114,000

3.4 Capital Expenditures

Overall Objective

To make prudent capital expenditures that will enhance asset values, or improve productivity or quality of work, while ensuring that future capital charges are sustainable.

Issues and Challenges in 2018

The redevelopment of the IPU website is expected to be completed by the end of 2017, although the final part of the related expenditure may be reflected in the accounts of 2018. The costs that are not covered through external donations will be capitalized and depreciated over four years.

Aside from the website development and regular upgrades of ICT and office equipment, the other significant capital expenditure required in 2018 will be the replacement of the windows in the IPU Headquarters building with strengthened double-glazing. This renovation is required by Geneva government law, and a subvention may be available to partially offset the cost. The depreciation expense will be covered by the reserve established for maintenance work on IPU Headquarters (see Section 3.3 above).

Gender Mainstreaming

The gender effects of the proposed capital expenditures are not quantifiable.

Estimates of capital expenditure with previous-year comparable (CHF)

	Regular Budget	Other Sources	All Funds
2016 Final	200,000	0	200,000
2017 Approved	450,000	0	450,000
2018 Approved	550,000	0	550,000

Estimates of capital expenditures by class, by year for 2018-2020 (CHF)

Item	2018	2019	2020
1. Replacement of computers	35,000	35,000	35,000
2. Furniture	15,000	15,000	15,000
3. Replacement of windows	400,000	0	0
4. Website development	100,000	0	0
➤ Grand Total	550,000	50,000	50,000

3.5 Staffing

33. The 2018 budget includes a staff establishment of 42 full-time positions, the same as the previous year's budget. The table below shows the distribution of posts by strategic direction, objective, category and grade and the proportion of occupied posts currently filled by women (July 2017).

Strategic Objective or Enabler	2017 Approved	2018 Approved Budget							Total
		SG	Director	Professional Grades				General services	
				Grade 5	Grade 4	Grade 3	Grade 2		
Strategic Objectives									
1. Strong parliaments	6.5		0.5	0.5	1	3	0.5	1	6.5
2. Gender	3.5		0.5			1.5		1	3
3. Human rights	5				1	2		2	5
4. Youth	0.5					0.5	0.5		1
5. Global development	2				1	1			2
6. Peace building	0.5			0.5					0.5
7. Inter-parliamentary dialogue & cooperation	8		1		2	1	1	3	8
8. International relations	3			1	1			1	3
Enablers									
Governance & oversight	2	1						1	2
Visibility & communication	4				2		1	1	4
Gender & rights-based									
Efficient Secretariat	7		1		1			5	7
Total	42	1	3	2	9	9	3	15	42
<i>Per cent Women</i>		<i>0%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>50%</i>	<i>56%</i>	<i>78%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>87%</i>	<i>67%</i>

34. Grades are established in accordance with the UN common system of job classification. As a result of the restructuring in 2005, a few positions are occupied by incumbents at a higher grade than their position is classified although this number is now decreasing through attrition and career development. Two thirds of the Secretariat staff are women, achieving employment equity across the Organization. All Director-level positions are currently held by women.
35. Annual adjustments to salaries are determined by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC). With effect from 1 January 2017, the Commission salary and benefits structure has been revised and streamlined. Those changes have been factored into this budget, though with no significant impact on the IPU's total salary and benefit costs due to transitional measures. The budget for Secretariat staff salaries in 2018 from regular sources is CHF 5,735,200. There is a further appropriation of CHF 891,500 for the salaries of project personnel paid from other sources.
36. Benefits such as pensions, dependency allowances and child education allowances are provided to staff in accordance with the UN common system. Some other benefits, such as health and accident insurance, are defined internally by the IPU. The budget for staff benefits from regular sources is CHF 1,925,100. In addition, the staff benefits charged to voluntary-funded project budgets is CHF 257,900.

4. Assessed contributions

Country Name	UN 2016-2018	Approved 2018 scale	
	Per cent	Per cent	CHF
Afghanistan	0.006%	0.110%	11'500
Albania	0.008%	0.110%	11'500
Algeria	0.161%	0.310%	32'300
Andorra	0.006%	0.110%	11'500
Angola	0.010%	0.110%	11'500
Argentina	0.892%	1.120%	116'800
Armenia	0.006%	0.110%	11'500
Australia	2.337%	2.550%	265'900
Austria	0.720%	0.940%	98'000
Azerbaijan	0.060%	0.180%	18'800
Bahrain	0.044%	0.160%	16'700
Bangladesh	0.010%	0.110%	11'500
Belarus	0.056%	0.180%	18'800
Belgium	0.885%	1.110%	115'700
Benin	0.003%	0.100%	10'400
Bhutan	0.001%	0.100%	10'400
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	0.012%	0.120%	12'500
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.013%	0.120%	12'500
Botswana	0.014%	0.120%	12'500
Brazil	3.823%	3.960%	412'900
Bulgaria	0.045%	0.160%	16'700
Burkina Faso	0.004%	0.110%	11'500
Burundi	0.001%	0.100%	10'400
Cabo Verde	0.001%	0.100%	10'400
Cambodia	0.004%	0.110%	11'500
Cameroon	0.010%	0.110%	11'500
Canada	2.921%	3.110%	324'300
Central African Republic	0.001%	0.110%	11'500
Chad	0.005%	0.110%	11'500
Chile	0.399%	0.590%	61'500
China	7.921%	7.890%	822'800
Colombia	0.322%	0.500%	52'100
Comoros	0.001%	0.100%	10'400
Congo	0.006%	0.110%	11'500
Costa Rica	0.047%	0.170%	17'700
Côte d'Ivoire	0.009%	0.110%	11'500
Croatia	0.099%	0.230%	24'000
Cuba	0.065%	0.190%	19'800
Cyprus	0.043%	0.160%	16'700
Czech Republic	0.344%	0.520%	54'200
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0.005%	0.110%	11'500
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0.008%	0.110%	11'500
Denmark	0.584%	0.790%	82'400
Djibouti	0.001%	0.100%	10'400
Dominican Republic	0.046%	0.170%	17'700
Ecuador	0.067%	0.190%	19'800
Egypt	0.152%	0.300%	31'300
El Salvador	0.014%	0.120%	12'500
Equatorial Guinea	0.010%	0.110%	11'500
Estonia	0.038%	0.150%	15'600
Ethiopia	0.010%	0.110%	11'500
Fiji	0.003%	0.100%	10'400
Finland	0.456%	0.650%	67'800
France	4.859%	4.930%	514'000
Gabon	0.017%	0.120%	12'500
Gambia	0.001%	0.100%	10'400

Country Name	UN 2016-2018	Approved 2018 scale	
	Per Cent	Per Cent	CHF
Georgia	0.008%	0.110%	11'500
Germany	6.389%	6.390%	666'300
Ghana	0.016%	0.120%	12'500
Greece	0.471%	0.670%	69'900
Guatemala	0.028%	0.140%	14'600
Guinea	0.002%	0.100%	10'400
Guinea-Bissau	0.001%	0.100%	10'400
Guyana	0.002%	0.100%	10'400
Haiti	0.003%	0.100%	10'400
Honduras	0.008%	0.110%	11'500
Hungary	0.161%	0.310%	32'300
Iceland	0.023%	0.130%	13'600
India	0.737%	0.950%	99'100
Indonesia	0.504%	0.700%	73'000
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0.471%	0.670%	69'900
Iraq	0.129%	0.270%	28'200
Ireland	0.335%	0.510%	53'200
Israel	0.430%	0.620%	64'700
Italy	3.748%	3.890%	405'600
Japan	9.680%	9.680%	1'009'400
Jordan	0.020%	0.130%	13'600
Kazakhstan	0.191%	0.350%	36'500
Kenya	0.018%	0.130%	13'600
Kuwait	0.285%	0.460%	48'000
Kyrgyzstan	0.002%	0.100%	10'400
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.003%	0.100%	10'400
Latvia	0.050%	0.170%	17'700
Lebanon	0.046%	0.170%	17'700
Lesotho	0.001%	0.100%	10'400
Libya	0.125%	0.270%	28'200
Liechtenstein	0.007%	0.110%	11'500
Lithuania	0.072%	0.200%	20'900
Luxembourg	0.064%	0.190%	19'800
Madagascar	0.003%	0.100%	10'400
Malawi	0.002%	0.100%	10'400
Malaysia	0.322%	0.500%	52'100
Maldives	0.002%	0.100%	10'400
Mali	0.003%	0.100%	10'400
Malta	0.016%	0.120%	12'500
Marshall Islands	0.001%	0.100%	10'400
Mauritania	0.002%	0.100%	10'400
Mauritius	0.012%	0.120%	12'500
Mexico	1.435%	1.670%	174'100
Micronesia (Federated States of)	0.001%	0.100%	10'400
Monaco	0.010%	0.110%	11'500
Mongolia	0.005%	0.110%	11'500
Montenegro	0.004%	0.110%	11'500
Morocco	0.054%	0.180%	18'800
Mozambique	0.004%	0.110%	11'500
Myanmar	0.010%	0.110%	11'500
Namibia	0.010%	0.110%	11'500
Nepal	0.006%	0.110%	11'500
Netherlands	1.482%	1.720%	179'400
New Zealand	0.268%	0.440%	45'900
Nicaragua	0.004%	0.110%	11'500
Niger	0.002%	0.100%	10'400
Nigeria	0.209%	0.370%	38'600
Norway	0.849%	1.070%	111'600

Country Name	UN 2016-2018	Approved 2018 scale	
	Per Cent	Per Cent	CHF
Oman	0.113%	0.250%	26'100
Pakistan	0.093%	0.230%	24'000
Palau	0.001%	0.100%	10'400
Palestine		0.100%	10'400
Panama	0.034%	0.150%	15'600
Papua New Guinea	0.004%	0.110%	11'500
Paraguay	0.014%	0.120%	12'500
Peru	0.136%	0.280%	29'200
Philippines	0.165%	0.320%	33'400
Poland	0.841%	1.060%	110'500
Portugal	0.392%	0.580%	60'500
Qatar	0.269%	0.440%	45'900
Republic of Korea	2.039%	2.260%	235'700
Republic of Moldova	0.004%	0.110%	11'500
Romania	0.184%	0.340%	35'500
Russian Federation	3.088%	3.270%	341'000
Rwanda	0.002%	0.100%	10'400
Saint Lucia	0.001%	0.100%	10'400
Samoa	0.001%	0.100%	10'400
San Marino	0.003%	0.100%	10'400
Sao Tome and Principe	0.001%	0.100%	10'400
Saudi Arabia	1.146%	1.380%	143'900
Senegal	0.005%	0.110%	11'500
Serbia	0.032%	0.150%	15'600
Seychelles	0.001%	0.100%	10'400
Sierra Leone	0.001%	0.100%	10'400
Singapore	0.447%	0.640%	66'700
Slovakia	0.160%	0.310%	32'300
Slovenia	0.084%	0.210%	21'900
Somalia	0.001%	0.100%	10'400
South Africa	0.364%	0.550%	57'400
South Sudan	0.003%	0.100%	10'400
Spain	2.443%	2.650%	276'300
Sri Lanka	0.031%	0.140%	14'600
Sudan	0.010%	0.110%	11'500
Suriname	0.006%	0.110%	11'500
Swaziland	0.002%	0.100%	10'400
Sweden	0.956%	1.180%	123'000
Switzerland	1.140%	1.370%	142'900
Syrian Arab Republic	0.024%	0.130%	13'600
Tajikistan	0.004%	0.110%	11'500
Thailand	0.291%	0.460%	48'000
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0.007%	0.110%	11'500
Timor-Leste	0.003%	0.100%	10'400
Togo	0.001%	0.100%	10'400
Tonga	0.001%	0.100%	10'400
Trinidad and Tobago	0.034%	0.150%	15'600
Tunisia	0.028%	0.140%	14'600
Turkey	1.018%	1.250%	130'300
Turkmenistan	0.026%	0.130%	13'600
Tuvalu	0.001%	0.100%	10'400
Uganda	0.009%	0.110%	11'500
Ukraine	0.103%	0.240%	25'000
United Arab Emirates	0.604%	0.810%	84'500

Country Name	UN 2016-2018	Approved 2018 scale	
	Per Cent	Per Cent	CHF
United Kingdom	4.463%	4.560%	475'500
United Republic of Tanzania	0.010%	0.110%	11'500
Uruguay	0.079%	0.210%	21'900
Uzbekistan	0.023%	0.130%	13'600
Vanuatu	0.001%	0.100%	10'400
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	0.571%	0.780%	81'300
Viet Nam	0.058%	0.180%	18'800
Yemen	0.010%	0.110%	11'500
Zambia	0.007%	0.110%	11'500
Zimbabwe	0.004%	0.110%	11'500
Member or associate member	UN 2016-2018	Approved 2018 scale	
	Per Cent	Per Cent	CHF
Andean Parliament		0.020%	2'100
Arab Parliament		0.010%	1'000
Central American Parliament		0.010%	1'000
East African Legislative Assembly		0.010%	1'000
European Parliament		0.060%	6'300
Interparliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States		0.030%	3'100
Inter-Parliamentary Committee of the West African Economic and Monetary Union		0.010%	1'000
Latin American and Caribbean Parliament		0.030%	3'100
Parliament of the CEMAC		0.010%	1'000
Parliament of the ECOWAS		0.010%	1'000
Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation		0.030%	3'100
Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe		0.050%	5'200
Total		100%	10'515'200

Logical Framework

INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION: 2018 SUMMARIZED LOGFRAME					
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES		BUDGET		Objectively Verifiable Indicators (OVI)	Means of Verification (MoV)
		Core	Voluntary		
1.	Build strong, democratic parliaments	1'430'600	891,300	Transparent, accountable, effective institutions in line with SDG 16.6 and 16.7	Reports from parliaments, IPU and national and international SDG monitoring process
2.	Advance gender equality and respect for women's rights	532,200	1,166,800	Gender-sensitive parliaments that respect and deliver on gender equality	Reports, media reports, questionnaires, statistics, case studies
3.	Protect and promote human rights	1,039,000	430,500	Action taken to protect the human rights of parliamentarians and to promote and protect human rights	Reports, publications, correspondance; questionnaires
4.	Contribute to peacebuilding, conflict prevention and security	151,200	354,000	Parliamentary contribution to national reconciliation and political dialogue; parliamentary action in meeting disarmament and non-proliferation commitments; IPU as an effective platform for peacebuilding, conflict prevention and security	Reports from parliaments, media/monitoring organization reports, IPU reports
5.	Promote inter-parliamentary dialogue and cooperation	3,159,400		Strong and effective engagement by parliaments and parliamentarians in IPU statutory meetings, processes and structures	Members' annual reports IPU Assembly results and lists of participation
6.	Promote youth empowerment	79,700	337,500	Level and nature of participation of youth in parliament	Reports from Parliaments Empirical data from survey responses Third-party reports, questionnaires, surveys
7.	Mobilize parliaments around the global development agenda	150,200	822,500	Parliamentary action on SDGs, with a particular focus on climate change, women, adolescent and child health, and means of implementation	Use of the SDG self-assessment toolkit Reports from the IPU, the UN, parliaments, parliamentary monitoring organizations and the media
8.	Bridge the democracy gap in international relations	923'000		Parliamentary input (political and policy based) to major international debates and processes Awareness of global issues, including major inter-governmental commitments, as well as of UN and WTO affairs within the parliamentary community	Major UN/WTO documents, survey results, parliamentary records, media reports

Note: All data regarding participation will be disaggregated by sex and, where possible, by age

INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION: 2018 SUMMARIZED LOGFRAME					
RESULTS		BUDGET		Objectively Verifiable Indicators (OVI)	Means of Verification (MoV)
		Core	Voluntary		
<i>1. Build strong, democratic parliaments</i>		494,800	21,600		
1.1	Setting of standards is pursued and knowledge generated is used by parliaments	480,000	419,800	Number of countries making reference to IPU work and standards when establishing national goals, targets and indicators for parliaments	Reports from the IPU, parliaments, national and international SDG monitoring process and other relevant sources
1.2	Capacity of parliaments to carry out their institutional mandate is enhanced	455,800	449,900	Number of parliaments supported Number of parliaments increasingly leading their own development Level of use of Common Principles	Parliamentary reports, activity reports, IPU reports, financial reports, media reports
<i>2. Advance gender equality and respect for women's rights</i>					
2.1	Women are increasingly politically empowered	453,700	535,000	Number of women in parliament; number of temporary special measures; number of women benefiting from training; number of women's caucuses; level of participation of women MPs Level of use of IPU gender resources; number of references in research/media/articles etc.	IPU, UN, parliament and media reports Election results; quotaproject.org; interviews/questionnaires; self-assessment of women MPs benefiting from IPU support
2.2	Parliaments become more gender-sensitive	18,000	70,700	Number of parliamentary gender-sensitive self assessments; number of actions undertaken to reform parliament into gender sensitive institutions, by parliaments benefitting from IPU support	Reports on activities and projects, feedback from parliaments and UN/IGOs
2.3	Women's rights are advanced	60,500	561,100	Number of parliamentary platforms/ exchange opportunities created to promote respect for women's rights Number of parliamentary actions taken for the respect of women's rights	Reports on activities and projects; results of IPU Assemblies; media reports; treaty body reports
<i>3. Protect and promote human rights</i>					
3.1	Impact of IPU Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians is strengthened	994,000	262,200	Number of sessions; number of decisions adopted and case reports prepared and discussed; trial observation and on-site missions; number of follow-up letters; number of visual materials developed and used; internal database on Committee's case-files; fully overhauled number of parliamentary solidarity initiatives developed in support of the Committee's work	IPU website; IPU reports and decisions, publications, correspondence, questionnaires, statistics and/or list of cases

3.2	Parliaments contribution to the promotion and protection of human rights is increased	35,000	158,300	Number of parliaments supported and number of parliamentarians trained; level of involvement of parliaments in the UN Human Rights Council's UPR, the Council's special procedures and in the work of selected UN treaty bodies; number of legislative actions and steps taken by parliaments to support implementation of UN human rights recommendations; number of advocacy and information letters sent to parliaments; up-to-date parliamentary human rights committees' databases available on line; number of legislative actions and steps taken by parliaments to support implementation of recommendations by the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child and respect for key ILO conventions to eliminate child labour; number of publications developed Number of IPU interventions made at UN Human Rights Council; number of IPU side-events organized at UN Human Rights Council; number of participants in side-events; number of IPU advocacy materials developed and number of recipients / beneficiaries; OHCHR/IPU study on synergies developed between the the UN Human Rights Council and Parliaments; and number of recipients/beneficiaries	IPU and UN reports and questionnaires
3.3	Parliament's contribution to the promotion and respect for international humanitarian law and refugee law is strengthened	10,000	10,000	Number of meetings of the IHL Committee; parliamentary debates on IHL at the Assembly and other parliamentary meetings; parliamentary action on IHL and refugee protection supported by IPU and its partners	IPU and UN reports and questionnaires
<i>4. Contribute to peacebuilding, conflict prevention and security</i>		111,200			
4.1	Political reconciliation through dialogue and inclusiveness is facilitated		54,000	Initiatives to raise awareness on parliaments and their role in conflict prevention and reconciliation; development by parliaments of effective inclusive mechanisms for decision making; enhanced awareness of and references by the global community of the role of parliaments in peace building, conflict prevention and security	Media monitoring, organization reports, opinion surveys, legislative documents, parliamentary reports, IPU reports
4.2	Parliamentary diplomacy contributes to reconciliation and dialogue	40,000		Action taken by MPs in defusing tensions and in promoting dialogue Peer to peer assistance for conflict prevention and/or to foster reconciliation	Media monitoring, organization reports, opinion surveys, legislative documents, parliamentary reports, IPU reports
4.3	Parliamentary action on counter-terrorism and disarmament is taken		300,000	Level of MPs' awareness and involvement in implementation of counter-terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) commitments	Media monitoring, organization reports, opinion surveys, legislative documents, parliamentary reports, IPU reports
<i>5. Promote inter-parliamentary dialogue and cooperation</i>		1,741,500			
5.1	An effective forum for international political dialogue is provided	1,401,400		Agenda and attendance at IPU assemblies; quality of discussion and outcome of Assemblies; use of IPU outcomes in parliaments	List of participants, members' annual reports, user surveys

5.2	Greater coherence and effectiveness in global parliamentary cooperation is built			Regular and structured engagement with regional and other parliamentary organizations Formal exchanges with parliamentary leaders	Meeting reports. notes for the file, lists of participants
5.3	Universal membership is achieved	16,500		Size of membership; number of new affiliations to the IPU; number of participants in regional workshops for non-member parliaments	List of IPU Members
<i>6. Promote youth empowerment</i>		59,700	75,700		
6.1	Youth participation in politics and decision-making is strengthened	20,000	194,900	Number of young MPs in parliament and at IPU Assemblies Age of eligibility to run for office Positions of young MPs in parliaments and in the IPU Number of MPs empowered and demonstrating greater impact in their work as a result of participation in international, regional, and national events Number of parliamentary youth bodies, such as committees, caucuses, and groups Number of initiatives moved by Young MPs in parliaments Number of debates in which Young MPs take part in at IPU Assemblies Number of IPU Resolutions which include a youth perspective	Reports from Parliaments Empirical data from survey responses Third-party reports
6.2	Integration of youth perspectives in parliament is enhanced		66,900	Level of integration of youth perspectives in parliamentary work both as a result of IPU activities but also in the wider parliamentary community	Reports from Parliaments Empirical data from survey responses Third-party reports
<i>7. Mobilize parliaments around the global development agenda</i>		150,200	267,400		
7.1	Parliaments engage on SDGs implementation		281,800	Level of parliamentary action to domesticate and oversee implementation of the SDGs; action to mainstream SDGs into parliament's work; number of parliamentary meetings/platforms to mobilize parliamentary engagement on SDGs	Reports from parliaments, the IPU, the UN
7.2	Parliaments take action on climate change		63,200	Legislative action taken to enable implementation of the Paris Agreement	Reporting mechanism as part of Parliamentary Action Plan on Climate Change; London School of Economics and other research studies
7.3	Parliaments contribute to ensuring good health and well-being		210,100	Parliamentary concerns reflected in outcome documents, legislation, declarations and national development strategies related to women's, children's and adolescents' health and HIV/AIDS; national legislation; parliamentary statements	Reports from the IPU, the UN, parliaments, parliamentary monitoring organizations and civil society

8. Bridge the democracy gap in international relations					
8.1	Parliamentary engagement in and oversight of the work of the United Nations is ensured	863,000		Parliamentary inputs incorporated into the work of the UN; UN agenda and conference outcomes factored into the work of parliaments; enhanced implementation of major international commitments	UN resolutions and declarations, summaries of meetings, parliamentary agenda and records, IPU reports, parliamentary messages/statements to the UN
8.2	Parliamentary action in relation to the WTO and the international financial institutions is strengthened	60,000		Parliamentary Conference on the WTO and contribution to WTO processes including implementation of its recommendations and instruments	Feedback from parliaments and Permanent Missions in Geneva, session reports, list of participants

INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION: 2018 SUMMARIZED LOGFRAME					
OUTPUTS		BUDGET		Objectively Verifiable Indicators (OVI)	Means of Verification (MoV)
		Core	Voluntary		
1. Build strong, democratic parliaments		494,800	21,600		
1.1 Setting of standards is pursued and knowledge generated is used by parliaments		377,300	35,000		
1.1.1	Data on parliaments for IPU's Open Data Platform	30,000		Up-to-date information is publicly accessible through the Open Data Platform Number of parliaments covered in the Open Data Platform	IPU website
1.1.2	Follow up on Global Parliamentary Report on parliamentary oversight	16,000	100,400	Number of parliaments engaged in follow-up Impact of the Global Parliamentary Report	Reporting from parliaments and other users
1.1.3	Knowledge generated on parliaments in the digital era and use of ICT in parliament, including through the establishment of a Center for Innovation in Parliament	19,000	187,200	Number of parliaments participating in the Centre for Innovation in Parliament World e-Parliament Report published World e-Parliament Conference organized	Reporting from parliaments and other users Survey responses for 2018 World e-Parliament Report
1.1.4	Parliamentary indicators relating to democratic parliaments and SDG targets 16.6 and 16.7	12,700	56,200	Indicators developed Number of parliaments engaged in development and use of the indicators	Reporting from parliaments and other users
1.1.5	Platform for discussion of topical parliamentary issues	10,000	30,200	Two "Issues Briefs" published Joint IPU-ASGP session at IPU Assembly	IPU website Assembly records
1.1.6	International Day of Democracy celebrated by IPU and parliaments, and global campaign in support of democracy carried out	15,000	10,800	Number of IPU and parliamentary events and initiatives organised for IDD Results of the global campaign	IPU website, media reports

1.2 Capacity of Parliaments to carry out their institutional mandate is enhanced		404,100	135,900		
1.2.1	Programmes of support enabling parliamentary self-development	32,700	254,800	Tailored, priority capacity development activities Custom designed support delivered Needs assessments facilitated Parliamentary strategic plans/roadmaps facilitated Internal parliamentary organisational procedures improved, understood and used Level of parliaments using IPU tools within the framework of capacity building projects	Parliament, IPU, media reports
1.2.2	Promotion and use of the Common Principles for Support to Parliaments and other IPU tools, standards and norms.	15,000	37,600	Increasing endorsements Tools/guidelines to facilitate application of the Common Principles by parliaments and partners Event on application of the Common Principles Effectiveness of framework for feedback loop to capture and share good practices and experiences	Parliament, IPU and partner reports on use of tools IPU documents reference the Common Principles Media reports
1.2.3	Improved approach to delivery of institutional development	4,000	21,600	Support demonstrates better parliamentary resilience, performance and change The IPU as a hub for innovative parliament-to-parliament cooperation Enhanced linkages between work of the institutional capacity programme with other programmes and divisions	Monitoring of and reporting from parliaments IPU reports

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		Core	Voluntary		
2. Advance gender equality and respect for women's rights					
2.1 Women are increasingly politically empowered		397,000	222,300		
2.1.1	Data and information for policy-making linked to women's political empowerment	43,100	166,900	Operational databases, number of users, number of references made to the databases, level of involvement of parliaments through information provided, user satisfaction iKNOWPolitics Number of website users, number of information tools referenced on the website, number of e-discussions, user satisfaction, usefulness of good practices shared through the website User-friendly and awareness raising tool providing a snapshot of situation of women in Parliament and in politics; number of copies produced and disseminated Production of new research on the influence of women in parliament; development of framework Reports produced; level of dissemination; follow up carried out by parliaments	Website statistics, media reports, references in specialized publications, number of requests for information, survey or spontaneous feedback received Website statistics, evaluation reports, user interviews Statistics, reports Statistics; reports; user surveys; feedback from parliaments to questionnaires
2.1.2	Support to the development of legal frameworks and national environments that facilitate women's access to parliament		54,500	Debates and/or reviews of national legal frameworks to facilitate women's access to parliament . Initiatives taken by parliaments benefitting from IPU support	Statistics, reports Activity reports; feedback from participants (evaluation sessions/questionnaires)
2.1.3	Enhanced capacities of women MPs and their contribution to parliamentary work	13,600	91,300	Capacity-building activities carried out Mentorship programmes developed and ran Number of women benefiting from capacity building and mentorship activities Number of women's parliamentary caucuses established or supported	Reports on activities of the IPU and parliaments Statistics; reports; user surveys; feedback from parliaments to questionnaires

<i>2.2 Parliaments become more gender-sensitive</i>					
2.2.1	Parliamentary awareness and engagement in enhancing gender-sensitivity of parliaments	18,000	51,800	Tools produced; level of dissemination Number of debates/workshops organized Number of champions engaged Number of parliaments that carry out gender-sensitive self-assessment exercises	Number of copies distributed Statistics; reports; user surveys; feedback from parliaments to questionnaires List of champions Self-assessment reports
2.2.2	Enhanced parliamentary capacity to mainstream gender in parliament		18,900	Number and quality of plans and commitments adopted; number of events; number of participants (men and women); conclusions Number of MPs and staff trained, disaggregated by sex, level of satisfaction of trainees; demand for toolkit; level of subsequent integration of gender in work of parliament	Reports, questionnaires and surveys, interviews reports; feedback from participants
<i>2.3 Women's rights are advanced</i>					
2.3.1	Parliamentary engagement in eliminating discrimination in the law	8,500	38,300	Amendments to legislation; other parliamentary initiatives Level of involvement of parliaments whose state is reporting to the CEDAW Committee Number of tools and knowledge products produced Number of men and women participants in gender equality meetings	Reports; feedback from parliaments; media accounts Reports from parliaments; reports from CEDAW Committee Reports, questionnaires and surveys, interviews reports; feedback from participants
2.3.2	Parliamentary action in eliminating Violence against women		173,900	Type of expertise and support provided by the IPU; number and nature of parliamentary initiatives linked to IPU support; number of participants disaggregated by sex and specialization; level of satisfaction. Media and public outreach initiatives taken by parliaments benefiting from IPU support	Reports, questionnaires and surveys, interviews, media reports, list of participants Reports from parliaments, media monitoring
2.3.3	Promotion of gender equality and women's rights in key political platforms	52,000	57,300	Number of events and meetings organized Number of men and women participating in gender equality meetings and events	Reports, questionnaires and surveys, interviews, media reports, list of participants Reports from parliaments, media monitoring
2.3.4	Enhanced gender equality in political leadership and participation in the Parliament of Turkey		291'600	Number of activities organized; type of expertise and support provided by the IPU; number and nature of parliamentary initiatives linked to IPU support; number of participants disaggregated by sex and specialization; level of satisfaction	Reports, list of participants, feedback, evaluation questionnaires

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OUTPUTS		BUDGET		Objectively Verifiable Indicators (OVI)	Means of Verification (MoV)
		Core	Voluntary		
<i>3. Protect and promote human rights</i>					
<i>3.1 Impact of IPU Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians is strengthened</i>		790,000	226,600		
3.1.1.	Enhanced visibility and understanding of the work of the Committee	7,000	35,600	New human rights tools developed and existing tools more widely disseminated; number of campaigns developed; Committee database overhaul completed; number of changes to human rights section on IPU website; number of references to Committee in media and UN reports; number of initiatives developed in support of parliamentary solidarity to resolve Committee case; gender considerations, where relevant, systematically included in case deliberations; case submission template developed and systematically used for submission of new cases	IPU website; IPU, UN and media reports; IPU internal database
3.1.2.	Regular Committee sessions	157,500		Number of reports / decisions prepared and translated	IPU website and Committee's internal files
3.1.3.	Trial observations and on-site missions	39,500		Number of missions undertaken	Trial observation/mission reports; Committee decisions
<i>3.2. Parliaments contribution to the promotion and protection of human rights is increased</i>					
3.2.1.	Enhanced contribution of national parliaments to respect human rights and the rule of law	10'000	71,300	Letters sent to parliaments before and after their country's situation is examined by the Council and key UN human rights treaty bodies Data collected of parliamentary participation in national delegations to Council and of UPR recommendations directly mentioning parliaments or parliamentarians National parliamentary workshops organized on implementation of UPR recommendations as well as cooperation with UN special procedures on human rights and implementation of their recommendations. Updated database on parliamentary human rights committees	IPU correspondence IPU report IPU report and website; feedback from parliaments; parliamentary websites IPU website (IPU Parline database)

3.2.2	Enhanced parliamentary action on children's rights	25'000		Regional and national seminars organised to tackle child labour (with ILO) Initiatives organized with UNICEF around priority area	IPU and ILO reports and websites; list of participants IPU and UNICEF reports and websites; assistance reports;
3.2.3	The work of parliaments is increasingly taken into account by the UN Human Rights Council		51,400	Global study on synergies between the Council and parliaments (in 2017, the Council adopted a resolution asking the IPU to assist with the development of this study) Council's Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and Rule of Law organized to promote role of parliaments in the promotion and protection of human rights (the Council decided in 2016 that the next session of the Forum be exclusively focused on parliaments) IPU side-events organized during Council sessions Oral and written IPU interventions made during Council sessions IPU advocacy material developed	OHCHR and IPU websites Outcome document; OHCHR and IPU websites IPU website and reports
3.2.4	Parliamentary knowledge and action are enhanced in response to key thematic human rights challenges		35,600	Handbook on freedom of expression and parliamentarians produced (which will also cover SDG 16's "access to information") Parliamentary contributions provided to conclusion and implementation of UN Global Compact on Migration	IPU website and hard-copies IPU website and/or UN reports
<i>3.3 Parliament's contribution to the promotion and respect for international humanitarian law and refugee law is strengthened</i>					
3.3.1	Greater awareness and action among parliaments of selected international humanitarian law conventions	10,000	10,000	Number of meetings/activities which the IPU organized or in which it participated; launch of Handbook for parliamentarians on Refugee protection; use of Handbook on IHL; number of copies distributed; number of missions carried out by IHL Committee members and recommendations made Parliamentary contribution to UN meetings/ processes related to IHL and Refugee protection	IPU Assembly report, activity reports, media reports
3.3.2	Parliamentary action to end statelessness			Correspondence with parliaments of concerned countries; debates held on the occasion of IPU meetings; participation in IBelong campaign	IPU Assembly report, activity reports, media reports

OUTPUTS		BUDGET		Objectively Verifiable Indicators (OVI)	Means of Verification (MoV)
		Core	Voluntary		
4. Contribute to peacebuilding, conflict prevention and security		111,200			
4.1 Political reconciliation through dialogue and inclusiveness is facilitated					
4.1.1	A minimum of two outreach visits at the request of a parliament		25,000	Number of MPs participating in outreach visits; Number of citizens attending outreach visits	Media monitoring, opinion surveys, parliamentary reports on implementation of action plans, reports on debates taking place in parliament, IPU internal and external reports
4.1.2	At least one parliamentary mediation to facilitate dialogue between parliament/executive and/or majority/opposition for better decision-making; at least one parliamentary event to raise awareness on the rights and duties of the opposition in parliament		13,000	Number of requests received Level of participation Increased level of cooperation between the majority and the opposition; Increased level of cooperation between the executive and the parliament	Media monitoring, opinion surveys, legislative documents, parliamentary reports on implementation of action plans, reports on debates taking place in parliament, IPU internal and external reports
4.1.3	Roster of parliamentary facilitators for rapid intervention and participation in mediation events			Number of parliamentary facilitators identified and included in the roster	IPU reports
4.1.4	Activities to build/reinforce legal frameworks for parliament in post-conflict situations		12,000	Number of requests received Constitutional and other legal provisions governing parliament are adopted and implemented Number of participants in the capacity-building activity	Media monitoring, legislative documents, parliamentary reports on implementation of action plans, reports on debates taking place in parliament, session reports
4.1.5	Participation in the Geneva Peace week		4,000	Number of events co-organised Number of partnerships established Number of parliamentary practitioners mobilised Number of participants	Media monitoring, reports on debates, GPP reports
4.2 Parliamentary diplomacy contributes to reconciliation and dialogue					
4.2.1	Meetings and initiatives for peacebuilding and conflict prevention during the IPU Assemblies and other fora/occasions			Number of sessions of the Middle East Committee Activities and initiatives carried out by the Middle East Committee; outcomes Meetings of the Group of Facilitators for Cyprus and other groups Level of expressed political will to continue dialogue	Parliament, IPU, media reports

4.2.2	At least one on-site mission and follow-up activities to foster dialogue between parties to conflict	40,000		<p>IPU mission received at a high level from both sides</p> <p>Increased expression of political will to continue dialogue</p> <p>Number of host participants to the visit</p> <p>Increased number of follow-up activities</p> <p>Number of debates taking place in the parliament</p>	<p>Reports from media monitoring organizations, follow-up meetings, legislative documents, parliamentary reports on implementation of action plans and IPU internal and external reports, reports on debates taking place in parliament</p>
4.2.3	Facilitation of bilateral meetings during the IPU Assemblies and other meetings			<p>Increased number of bilateral meetings</p> <p>Increased networking aiming to foster peacebuilding and reconciliation among MPs</p>	<p>Parliament, IPU, media reports</p>
<i>4.3 Parliamentary action on counter-terrorism and disarmament is taken</i>					
4.3.1	Parliamentary activity to promote implementation of UN commitments relating to WMDs			<p>Number of MPs participating</p> <p>Number of follow-up activities</p> <p>Increased knowledge of MPs on UNSCR 1540 obligations and on non-proliferation commitments</p>	<p>Session reports, participants list, media monitoring, parliamentary reports on implementation of action plans, reports on debates taking place in parliament</p>
4.3.2	Dedicated activities on counter-terrorism with relevant partners to raise awareness and mobilize parliamentary action		300,000	<p>Number of MPs participating in the event</p> <p>Number of follow-up activities to the event</p>	<p>Event report, participants list, media monitoring, parliamentary reports on implementation of action plans, reports on debates taking place in parliament</p>

OUTPUTS		BUDGET		Objectively Verifiable Indicators (OVI)	Means of Verification (MoV)
		Core	Voluntary		
5. Promote inter-parliamentary dialogue and cooperation		1,741,500			
5.1 An effective forum for international political dialogue is provided					
5.1.1	Two successful Assemblies in 2018	1,360,400 [1 st Assembly: 680,200 2 nd Assembly: 680,200]		Level of participation; number of interventions during the Assembly; strong and action-oriented outcome documents	List of participants, summary records, texts of resolutions, annual reports submitted by Members
5.1.2	Stronger ties with member Parliaments	5,000		Well attended Information Seminar on the IPU Number and quality of exchanges with Members in the course of the year Enhanced follow-up by Members to IPU resolutions and other decisions	List of participants Annual reports and other input received from Members Evaluation forms
5.1.3	Greater effectiveness in work of the Standing Committees	36,000		Clearly defined workplans, regular interaction among Bureau members, activities outside Assemblies	Activity reports, number of exchanges, Committee outcomes
5.2 Greater coherence and effectiveness in global parliamentary cooperation is built					
5.2.1	Effective follow-up to outcomes from IPU Assemblies, Speakers' Conferences and specialized meetings			Level of engagement by parliaments in IPU's work Level of follow-up to outcomes from IPU events Enhanced exchanges with parliamentary leaders and staff	IPU reports Input from Members on follow-up action Number of exchanges
5.2.2	Stronger cooperation between the IPU and other parliamentary organizations			Number of regional and other parliamentary organizations attending IPU events; number of parliamentary bodies using IPU resolutions and reports in their work; number of joint activities organized	List of participants, Reports of joint meetings with other parliamentary organizations
5.2.3	Greater involvement by geopolitical groups in IPU's work			Participation in and outcome of the joint meetings with the chairs of the geopolitical groups Support by geopolitical groups in meeting IPU objectives Profile of candidates submitted by the geopolitical groups	Reports from joint meetings, list of participants, responses from geopolitical groups to IPU requests, CVs of candidates submitted by the geopolitical groups
5.3 Universal membership is achieved					
5.3.1	New contacts established and stronger ties with non-member parliaments	16,500		Number of exchanges; regional meetings; number of events organized in Washington and the Caribbean and South Pacific regions	IPU mailing services Participants lists Follow-up correspondence
5.3.2	Increased membership			Number of (re)affiliation requests	List of IPU membership

OUTPUTS		BUDGET		Objectively verifiable Indicators (OVI)	Means of Verification (MoV)
		Core	Voluntary		
6. Promote youth empowerment		59,700	75,700		
6.1 Youth participation in politics and decision-making is strengthened					
6.1.1	Global monitoring of youth participation and provision of policy guidance to enhance youth participation in parliament	20,000		Biennial reports are produced and promoted with data collected from at least 150 parliaments Data and information on youth participation is available in open source formats online	Publication produced, statistics on downloads and copies distributed, feedback from users, number of references of reports by local, regional and international organizations, surveys responses from parliaments, press releases/briefings/articles Portal launched, number of users, references to portal by other organizations
6.1.2	Enhanced advocacy to strengthen youth participation in politics and decision-making		32,400	Not Too Young To Run campaign launched and activities and tools (including social media-related) are produced for its promotion Process for elaboration of a youth target undertaken and result is incorporated in campaigns by the IPU and other stakeholders Group of champions to promote youth participation created Number of parliaments supported in the implementation of measures to strengthen youth participation Number of legislative reforms carried out by parliaments in general	Campaigns launched, publications, websites, social media activity, surveys responses from parliaments, number of champions identified, reports on parliamentary support, press releases/briefings/articles
6.1.3	International youth-led mechanisms for the empowerment of young MPs		120,400	Number of participants and impact of the IPU Forum of Young Parliamentarians Number of global conferences, and number of participants therein and impact of conferences Number of regional conferences, and number of participants therein and impact of conferences Number of occasions the IPU facilitated involvement of young MPs in international, regional and national fora and number of interventions or activities carried out therein Number of national caucuses and groups of young MPs affiliated to the Forum of Young Parliamentarians	Reports, lists of participants, feedback from participants, references in stakeholder documents, IPU statutes, surveys responses from parliaments, press releases/briefings/articles

6.1.4	Enhanced capacities and skills of young MPs		42,100	Number of parliamentarians/parliaments where support provided Initiatives undertaken by young MPs following provision of support Level of satisfaction of participants/parliaments	Reports, lists of participants, feedback from participants, evaluation questionnaire, surveys' responses from parliaments, press releases/briefings/articles
<i>6.2 Integration of youth perspectives in parliament is enhanced</i>					
6.2.1	Guidelines on the integration of youth perspectives in parliament		22,700	Research undertaken and guidelines produced Level of impact of the guidelines on the subsequent policies and working methods of parliaments Number and quality of references to the guidelines in the work of other stakeholders	Publications, reports, surveys' responses from parliaments, press releases/briefings/articles
6.2.2	Better integration of youth perspectives and youth-related issues		44,200	Number of parliaments supported in the implementation of measures to better integrate youth perspectives Number and impact of initiatives carried out by parliaments as a result of interventions Level of satisfaction of participants/parliaments	Reports, lists of participants, feedback from participants, evaluation questionnaire, surveys responses from parliaments, press releases/briefings/articles

OUTPUTS		BUDGET		Objectively Verifiable Indicators (OVI)	Means of Verification (MoV)
		Core	Voluntary		
7. Mobilize parliaments around the global development agenda		150,200	267,400		
7.1 Parliaments engage on SDGs implementation					
7.1.1	Raising awareness of and by parliaments on the SDGs		112,400	Number of regional activities to promote parliamentary action on the SDGs Action oriented outcomes	Activity reports, reports on follow-up in parliaments
7.1.2	Capacity-building at national level including SDG self-assessments		90,700	Number of parliaments supported. Number of parliaments using the SDG self-assessment toolkit and results of assessment	Activity reports, IPU report, reports on follow-up in parliaments
7.1.3	Parliamentary input to global monitoring and debates on implementation of SDGs		15,000	Parliamentary contributions provided to SDGs global monitoring mechanisms, such as the HLPF; analysis of parliamentary involvement in the HLPF national voluntary reviews is conducted; parliamentary input to development cooperation processes, such as the GPEDC and DCF, and other meetings.	Activity reports, IPU report, reports on follow-up in parliaments
7.1.4	Tools to enable stronger and focused parliamentary action on the SDGs		63,700	At least one background paper/tool is produced to support parliamentary action on a selected SDG issue, including on means of implementation	Background paper/tool is produced.
7.2 Parliaments take action on climate change					
7.2.1	Enhanced familiarization and contribution of MPs to national and global level action on climate change and implementation of the Paris Agreement		36,200	A Parliamentary Meeting is organized at the 2018 UN Climate Change Conference with good attendance at the meeting and substantive debate Number of presentations of the IPU Action Plan and the Databases on Climate Change Laws of the World and Climate Change Litigation of the World.	Number of parliaments reporting action to implement the Paris Agreement. Reports, outcome documents, list of participants
7.2.2	Tools developed with partners to assist parliaments in implementation of the Paris Agreement		27,000	Issues needing immediate attention through tools are mapped out Number of tools produced Dissemination	A partnership is established IPU reports

7.3 <i>Parliaments contribute to ensuring good health and well-being</i>					
7.3.1	Capacity-building of parliaments at the national level		121,500	Number of national activities to promote awareness among MPs of key health commitments; number of capacity-building activities for parliaments to address key legal and programmatic challenges affecting progress on health; number of community outreaches and public hearings to understand main concerns of people and develop political leadership on women's, children's and adolescents' health.	Activity reports, analysis of participants' evaluations, reports on follow-up in parliaments
7.3.2	Knowledge products and tools on good parliamentary practices		59,900	IPU materials disseminated and promoted; report on good parliamentary practice produced.	Preparation, publication and dissemination of documents produced
7.3.3	Regional exchanges among parliaments		22,200	At least one region supported	Activity reports; analysis of participants' evaluation, reports of follow-up, key affected parliaments get engaged on the issue
7.3.4	Visible and strategic parliamentary contributions to global health processes and the World Health Assembly		6,500	A parliamentary meeting at the WHA is organized. Input is provided into the accountability mechanisms for the Global Strategy on Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health, the Every Women and Every Child movement and the Lead group of the SUN movement	Reports, media, partners' feedback and reports

OUTPUTS		BUDGET		Objectively Verifiable Indicators (OVI)	Means of Verification (MoV)
		Core	Voluntary		
<i>8. Bridge the democracy gap in international relations</i>					
8.1 Parliamentary engagement in and oversight of the work of the United Nations is ensured		810,100			
8.1.1	Statements given before UN bodies; formal parliamentary submissions to UN reports; IPU resolutions circulated to relevant UN bodies			Parliamentary input to UN debates and processes; number of references to parliaments in major UN documents; participation of MPs in national delegations to main UN events	UN outcome documents, SG reports, participants' lists (to include MPs in national delegations to major UN events)
8.1.2	Joint IPU-UN projects are planned, initiated or strengthened			Number of exchanges on joint activities; participants' rating of events	Activity reports, participants' lists, participants' evaluation forms
8.1.3	Parliamentary hearing is organized and its outcome channelled into relevant UN processes IPU side event at annual HLPF is held MPs representation on UN panels facilitated (i.e. HLPF, DCF, Youth Forum, PGA events etc.)	52,900		Level of UN participation; quality of the final report in terms of relevance and depth of recommendations; MPs own satisfaction IPU side event at HLPF gains more visibility	List of participants, hearing report circulated as an official UN document, participants' evaluation forms Larger number of MPs attend the HLPF and the IPU side event
8.1.4	IPU Committee on UN Affairs effectively addresses relevant issues and its output helps inform debates at the UN Bureau of IPU Committee on UN Affairs helps guide the work of the IPU with the UN through regular consultations and engagement (including, field missions or other initiatives)			Number of participants; level of UN engagement; number of direct and regular correspondence with Bureau members; field mission or other activity is conducted between formal sessions of the Committee	Summary reports of debates, emails or formal correspondence, visits to New York or to the field
8.1.5	Information and guidance on global issues exchanged with high-ranking UN officials at Headquarters, IPU Assemblies, and specialized parliamentary meetings			Bilateral meetings are organized in the course of the year on the occasion of IPU President or IPU SG visits Number of high-ranking UN officials participating (men and women)	Meeting notes and actional recommendations List of participants in IPU Assemblies and specialized meetings, IPU meeting reports
8.1.6	UN Committee Bureau members are provided with regular information updates on UN debates Briefing sessions with UN officials and/or diplomats are organized for IPU Bureau members or other MPs as needed			Several communications sent to each Committee Bureau during the year; two briefing sessions or opportunities for participation on UN panels are arranged for IPU Bureau members from any of the four committees	Emails, briefing notes or other reports, list of participants; meeting agendas; press releases

8.1.7	Successful adoption of a new resolution of the UN General Assembly on interaction between the UN, parliaments and the IPU Comprehensive UNSG report issued			Resolution and UNSG report would acknowledge the contribution of the IPU to the work of the UN, particularly in the follow-up to the SDGs, women, human rights and other key areas of work	New UNGA Resolution with high number of sponsors
8.1.8	Successful UN-IPU senior level meeting organized Close relations with key Permanent Representatives (including the PR from the country holding the IPU Presidency)			Meeting which takes stock of best practices and lessons learned from joint activities and identifies further avenues of work Relations with PRs facilitate IPU input into UN processes	List of participants (number and level of UN officials)
<i>8.2 Parliamentary action in relation to the WTO and the international financial institutions is strengthened</i>					
8.2.1	Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO (PCWTO) in preparation of the annual WTO Public Forum and the annual session of the PCWTO	2,000		Good attendance of meetings; hearing with WTO Director General; substantive debate; meaningful decisions and recommendations	Outcome document, list of participants
8.2.2	Parliamentary session in the framework of the annual WTO Public Forum Meeting of the Steering Committee of the PCWTO on the occasion of the annual WTO Public Forum	14,000		Good participation, including from outside Europe; quality and substance of debate Hearing with WTO Director-General / senior staff members; substantive debate; meaningful decisions	Session report, WTO feedback, participants' list Summary of decisions, session report
8.2.3	Annual session of the PCWTO in Geneva Meeting of the PCWTO Steering Committee on the occasion of the annual session	44,000		Number of attending MPs, international organizations and Permanent Missions; quality and substance of debate; Hearing with WTO Director-General and other key negotiators / senior staff members; substantive debate; meaningful decisions	Feedback from parliaments, Permanent Missions, outcome documents, media reports, list of participants Summary of decisions; session report
8.2.4	Capacity-building workshops on the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA)			Number of attending MPs and civil society organizations; number of parliamentary action taken to implement the TFA	Seminar report; list of participants