

Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations



8 and 9 February 2024 New York

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Dear Madam President, Dear Mr. President,

We are pleased to invite you and your colleagues to participate in the 2024 Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations, under the theme "*Putting an end to conflicts: Prescriptions for a peaceful future*", which will take place at UN Headquarters in New York on 8 and 9 February 2024.

The theme of this joint UN-IPU hearing will align with one of the priorities for the current Presidency of the UN General Assembly – peace – as well as the IPU's priority focus in 2024 on international peace and security. It will also align with one of the key components of the *Pact for the Future*, the expected outcome document of the September 2024 UN Summit of the Future. The hearing is further inspired by the resolution *Rethinking and reframing the approach to peace processes with a view to fostering lasting peace*, adopted by the IPU 144th Assembly in March 2022 as well as the follow up to the United Nations' "Our Common Agenda" report, including one of the UN Secretary General's policy briefs on the proposal for New Agenda for Peace.

Peace is the main raison-d'être of our two organizations, and for good reasons. We live in a world where conflicts within and between countries are on the rise, resulting in suffering and deprivation for millions of people, as well as a deep sense of uncertainty in the future, particularly amongst young people. Today, we are compelled more than ever to act urgently to restore the conditions for peace: social justice, good governance, and respect for international law. Let's use the opportunity of the 2024 hearing to take stock of what ails the world today and to commit to actionable solutions for the international community and national actors.

To participate in the Parliamentary Hearing, IPU Member Parliaments are requested to register their delegations using the <u>online form</u> for *each member* of the delegation. A complete programme will be posted on the event's page on the <u>IPU website</u> in the coming weeks.

We look forward to your Parliament's strong participation in this important event.

Yours sincerely,

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President of the IPU

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President of the UN General Assembly