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139th IPU ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

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Standing Committee on
Democracy and Human Rights

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Draft agenda*

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Approval of the summary record of the Committee's session held during the 138th IPU Assembly in Geneva (March 2018)**
3. **Preparation of a resolution entitled *Strengthening inter-parliamentary cooperation on migration and migration governance in view of the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration***
 - (a) Presentation of the draft resolution and explanatory memorandum by the co-Rapporteurs
 - (b) Debate on the draft resolution
 - (c) Drafting and adoption of the draft resolution in plenary
 - (d) Appointment of a rapporteur to the 139th IPU Assembly
4. **Election of the Vice-President of the Committee**

The Vice-President of the Committee will be elected from among the members of the Bureau.
5. **Preparations for future Assemblies**
 - (a) Subject of the next resolution to be prepared by the Committee
 - (b) Committee agenda at the 140th IPU Assembly
6. **Any other business**

* On the occasion of the 138th Assembly, the Standing Committee examined the proposal to include in its agenda a panel discussion on the theme *The role of parliaments in ending discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, and ensuring respect for the human rights of LGBTI persons*. Delegations from all geopolitical groups took the floor to express their position.

Following a roll-call vote, and in keeping with Article 6.4 of the Committee Rules (according to which "the Standing Committees shall establish their own work plans and set their agendas"), the Committee decided to hold that debate at the 139th Assembly.

At the last sitting of the Assembly on 28 March, several delegations expressed their opposition to holding a debate on this theme. In light of the late hour and in the absence of a formal decision by the Assembly, the President asked Members to work together to find a common solution before the next Assembly, and indicated that the issue should be resolved at the start of the 139th Assembly. The inclusion or non-inclusion of that item on the Committee's agenda will depend on the outcome of those deliberations.