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**THE RESPECTIVE ROLES OF PARLIAMENT AND THE MEDIA IN PROVIDING
THE PUBLIC WITH OBJECTIVE INFORMATION, ESPECIALLY ON ARMED
CONFLICTS AND THE STRUGGLE AGAINST TERRORISM**

***Amendments to the revised preliminary draft resolution submitted within
the statutory deadline by the delegations of Algeria, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Cuba,
Egypt, Finland, Indonesia, Italy, Mexico, Romania, Sweden, United Kingdom and
Venezuela***

Title

Amend the title to read as follows:

THE RESPECTIVE ROLES OF PARLIAMENT AND THE MEDIA IN PROVIDING THE PUBLIC
WITH OBJECTIVE **ACCURATE AND COMPLETE** INFORMATION, ESPECIALLY ON ARMED
CONFLICTS AND THE STRUGGLE AGAINST TERRORISM

(Canada)

PREAMBLE

New preambular paragraph 1bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph (1), to read as follows:

(1bis) *Distinguishing* that armed conflicts and terrorist acts possess a different nature in their causes, although they have similar consequences in terms of affecting human lives, security and their patrimony,

(Mexico)

New preambular paragraph 3bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph (3), to read as follows:

(3bis) *Recalling also* that the Declaration entitled Bridging the democracy gap in international relations: A stronger role for parliaments, adopted by consensus at the Second World Conference of Speakers of Parliament (New York, 7-9 September 2005), reiterates the need to conclude a comprehensive convention on terrorism and to agree upon an internationally accepted definition of terrorism,

(Romania)

Preambular paragraph 4

Delete the paragraph and replace the text of the existing paragraph as follows:

(4) ***Recognizing*** that it is every bit as imperative to prevent the causes of terrorism as it is to combat it, by ensuring, and this is the role of governments, parliaments and indirectly of the media, that it does not take root in the fertile ground of injustice, inequality, imbalances, frustration, exclusion or denial of rights which generally fuels extremism of all kinds, fans the flames of human hatred with its unacceptable litany of intolerance and violence and creates an environment conducive to terrorism,

(Algeria)

Amend to read as follows:

(4) *Recognizing* the need to prevent and counter terrorism **in all its forms and manifestations** ~~motivated by intolerance or extremism~~, and *conscious* also of the need to address issues which create an environment conducive to terrorism,

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

(4) *Recognizing* the need to prevent and counter terrorism, **including those forms that are** motivated by intolerance or extremism, and *conscious* also of the need to address issues which create an environment conducive to terrorism,

(Indonesia)

New preambular paragraph 4bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph (4), to read as follows:

(4bis) ***Encouraging*** the governments and parliaments of countries confronted with internal armed conflicts or situations of terrorism to take all the constitutional measures necessary, including those approved by popular referendum, and the associated legislative and judicial measures, in order to halt the violence, restore civil peace and social cohesion and consolidate peace and reconciliation within their populations, and *welcoming* the initiatives already taken to this effect in some countries,

(Algeria)

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph (4), to read as follows:

(4bis) ***Aware*** that because of the rapid evolution of the forms that terrorist practices take, their impact goes beyond national borders, impacting upon the future of all members of the international community and preventing the satisfaction of the development requirements of both the developed and the developing countries,

(Egypt)

New preambular paragraph 6

Amend to read as follows:

(6) *Recalling further* United Nations Security Council resolutions ~~1368 (2001), 1373 (2001) and 1566 (2004)~~ on threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts,

(Indonesia)

New preambular paragraph 6bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph (6), to read as follows:

(6bis) *Underscoring* the need for an international convention to define terrorism and identify its elements, above all because of the confusion between terrorism on the one hand and on the other hand concepts such as human rights and the right of peoples to resist occupation and interference in the internal affairs of other States,

(Egypt)

Preambular paragraph 7

Amend to read as follows:

(7) *Stressing* the need to combat ~~the threat posed by~~ international terrorism to world peace and international security by all means **in all its aspects** and in conformity with the United Nations Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and applicable United Nations human rights conventions,

(Indonesia)

New preambular paragraph 7bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph (7), to read as follows:

(7bis) *Strongly condemning* all acts, methods and practices of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, wherever and by whomsoever committed, including those in which States are directly or indirectly involved, which threaten friendly relations among peoples, endanger or take innocent lives, have a deleterious effect on international relations and may jeopardize the security and territorial integrity of States,

(Cuba)

New preambular paragraph 8bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph (8), to read as follows:

(8bis) *Recalling also* the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which recognizes that the inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family are the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world,

(Indonesia)

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph (8), to read as follows:

(8bis) Taking note at the same time of Recommendation 1706 (2005) on Media and Terrorism adopted by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and of the relevant Report,

(Romania)

Add two new paragraphs after preambular paragraph (8), to read as follows:

(8bis) Underlining the importance of respect for dissidents,

(8ter) Acknowledging the need for respect for international law and for the inviolability of life, including the need to shield against suicide bombers,

(Sweden)

Preambular paragraph 10

Amend to read as follows:

(10) *Also drawing attention* to the fact that parliaments, by enacting the necessary legislation, **overseeing its implementation and allocating adequate financial resources**, play a crucial role in the prevention and avoidance of armed conflicts and terrorism,

(Romania)

New preambular paragraphs 11bis and 11ter

Add two new paragraphs after preambular paragraph (11), to read as follows:

(11bis) Underscoring, however, that freedom of expression is not an absolute right that can justify inciting hatred, racism, xenophobia and the violation of human rights,

(11ter) Recalling that the Council of Europe and the European Union in particular have adopted legislation allowing for the control of hate speech on the Internet and in the audiovisual media,

(Belgium)

Preambular paragraph 12

Amend to read as follows:

(12) *Reiterating* that freedom of the press is ~~one of the basic~~ **an essential** requirements of democracy,

(Finland)

Amend to read as follows:

(12) *Reiterating* that freedom of the press is one of the basic requirements of democracy, **and that the media must not forget its role in society and in democratic life, providing objective, true and impartial information to citizens,**

(Venezuela)

Delete the paragraph and replace the text of the existing paragraph as follows:

(12) ***Reiterating* that the freedom to inform and to be informed is a basic element and an imprescriptible guarantee of democratic discourse,**

(Italy)

Preambular paragraph 13

Amend to read as follows:

(13) *Recognizing* that in the era of globalization the media plays an especially important role at both ~~at~~ the international and the national levels, and that this role must be **adequately** considered ~~adequately~~ by policy-makers and parliaments,

(Indonesia)

Amend to read as follows:

(13) *Recognizing* that ~~in the era of globalization~~ the media plays an especially important role at both the international and the national levels, and that this role must be considered adequately by policy-makers and parliaments,

(Venezuela)

New preambular paragraphs 13bis, 13ter, 13quater, 13quinquies, 13 sexies and 13septies

Add six new paragraphs after preambular paragraph (13), moved from operative paragraphs 6-11, to read as follows:

(13bis) ***Stressing* that a free media is a prerequisite for any democracy, particularly as it provides objective and impartial information to the people, including during armed conflicts and situations involving terrorism,**

(13ter) ***Emphasizing* the increasing importance of the media in providing information to the public on major incidents, including those involving terrorism and armed conflicts,**

(13quater) ***Recognizing* that in addition to its legal rights and obligations, the media has an ethical responsibility to citizens and society, at a time when information and communication play an important role in the development of society and democratic life,**

(13quinquies) *Also recognizing* that the media plays an important role in providing all components of civil society with credible and relevant information, thereby enabling parliamentarians and the people to make well-informed decisions,

(13sixies) *Acknowledging* that the media plays a central role in the construction of social frameworks for politics and that it can both spur and deter the actions of conflicting parties in cases of armed conflict and terrorism,

(13septies) *Reaffirming* that the media can be an alternative forum for non-violent dialogue and an effective communication channel,

(Sweden)

Preambular paragraph 14

Amend to read as follows:

(14) *Convinced* that parliaments and the media can help in ~~facilitating~~ **to facilitate** understanding and cooperation among peoples,

(Indonesia)

Amend to read as follows:

(14) *Convinced* that parliaments and the media can help in facilitating understanding and cooperation among peoples **and in promoting tolerance and the dialogue among civilizations, thus contributing to the prevention and countering of armed conflicts and terrorism,**

(Romania)

Amend to read as follows:

(14) *Convinced* that parliaments and the media can help in facilitating understanding and cooperation among peoples, **and that it is necessary for parliamentarians to establish the parameters in which the free press and the media in general can operate to cover acts of terrorism and armed conflicts,**

(Venezuela)

New preambular paragraphs 14bis and 14ter

Add two new paragraphs after preambular paragraph (14), to read as follows:

(14bis) *Aware* of the unprecedented utilization of media by terrorists in order to obtain the strongest possible impact and maximum attention around the world,

(14ter) **Aware also of the fact that responsible coverage by the professional media of armed conflicts and terrorist acts is challenged due to the increase of broadcasting on informal channels of information, especially the Internet, and of raw news and images produced by non-professional observers,**

(Romania)

Preambular paragraph 16

Amend to read as follows:

(16) *Expressing deep concern* at the attacks perpetrated against journalists who cover situations of armed conflict and terrorism and also at the wrongful detention of many such journalists, **and stressing that these actions violate freedom of expression and freedom of information, which are vital for the existence of a democratic society,**

(Romania)

New preambular paragraphs 16bis and 16ter

Add two new paragraphs after preambular paragraph (16), to read as follows:

(16bis) **We, the world's parliamentarians, strongly condemn and reject the subjugation of journalist as hostages. No principle or end justifies their subjugation, which can even lead to their death,**

(16ter) **We recognize the courage shown by female journalists in high-risk situations, as they have a regard for gender in situations afflicting many social sectors that are totally vulnerable, such as children, the elderly or people with special needs,**

(Mexico)

OPERATIVE PART

Subheading before operative paragraph 1

Amend to read as follows:

Role of parliaments in providing objective **accurate and complete** information

(Canada)

Operative paragraph 1

Amend to read as follows:

1. *Urges* parliaments to influence policy-makers to explore ways and means to enhance objective coverage by the media, while limiting the gains uninhibited coverage may provide to the terrorists ~~and avoiding the direct or indirect glorification of their cause~~ **by carefully ensuring that their declared causes are not extolled, glorified or idealized directly or indirectly;**

(Algeria)

Amend to read as follows:

1. ~~Urges parliaments to influence policy makers to~~ explore ways and means to enhance ~~objective~~ **accurate and complete** coverage by the media, while limiting the gains uninhibited coverage may provide to the terrorists and avoiding the direct or indirect glorification of their cause;

(Canada)

Operative paragraph 2

Amend to read as follows:

2. ~~Urges parliaments to make the necessary legislative decisions on what steps their nations should take against terrorism~~ **that have not already done so to provide their legislation with strong provisions to prevent and combat terrorism, in particular in its transnational financial ramifications, and to combat money laundering and organized crime that often provide resources for it, with particular attention paid to international cooperation through judicial assistance and the exchange of information between countries, organizations and authorities responsible for similar activities;**

(Algeria)

Operative paragraph 3

Amend to read as follows:

3. ~~Further urges parliaments to make use of committees and other mechanisms to monitor closely whether government bodies act properly in defending~~ **protecting** citizens **during armed conflicts and situations involving terrorism;**

(Indonesia)

Operative paragraph 4

Delete the paragraph.

(Canada, Finland)

Delete the paragraph and replace the text of the existing paragraph as follows:

4. **Calls upon parliaments to take, in consultation with the media fraternity, the appropriate legislative measures so that media programmes and advertising content do not incite hatred, racism, xenophobia and the violation of human rights, violate standards of law and order or glorify violence;**

(Belgium)

Amend to read as follows:

4. *Calls upon* parliaments to consider, in consultation with the media fraternity, formulating appropriate guidelines for media personnel so that media programmes and advertising content do not incite violence, violate standards of law and order, **and do not violate the privacy and human dignity of victims of armed conflicts and terrorist acts or of their families,** or in any circumstances glorify violence;

(Romania)

New operative paragraphs 4bis and 4ter

Add two new paragraphs after operative paragraph 4, to read as follows:

- 4bis. ***Further calls upon*** parliaments to support measures to ensure the protection and safety of media professionals covering armed conflicts and terrorism as a special risk group, in particular through their provision with the necessary information about the specific security situation in each context and with safety training;
- 4ter. ***Emphasizes*** the role of parliaments in ensuring that public opinion and the media are duly and regularly informed about governmental strategies and actions aimed at preventing and countering terrorism;

(Romania)

Operative paragraph 5

Amend to read as follows:

5. *Also calls upon* parliaments to ensure that governments fulfil their responsibility in disseminating ~~objective and factual~~ **accurate and complete** information about incidents involving terrorism and armed conflicts;

(Canada)

New operative paragraph 5bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 5, to read as follows:

- 5bis. ***Also calls upon*** parliaments to help establish both international rules of conduct for the struggle against terrorism and an international charter of honour capable of strengthening international cooperation in the exchange of information;

(Egypt)

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 5, to read as follows:

- 5bis. **Recognises the crucial urgency of identifying the precise nature of a terrorist attack whether it be chemical, biological, radioactive or nuclear, at the earliest moment so that remedial actions are not delayed and urges parliaments and governments to press for the development of devices and processes to improve the early identification of such attacks;**

(United Kingdom)

Subheading before operative paragraph 6

Amend to read as follows:

Role of media in providing ~~objective~~ **accurate and complete** information

(Canada)

Operative paragraph 6

Amend to read as follows:

6. *Stresses* that a free media **and the free circulation of ideas in words and images are** is a prerequisite **and a key element** for any democracy, particularly as **they give concrete form to the people's right to have access to credible information, which is consequently reliable**, ~~it provides—objective and impartial information to the people, including~~, **especially** during armed conflicts and situations involving terrorism;

(Algeria)

Amend to read as follows:

6. *Stresses* that a free media is a prerequisite for any democracy, particularly as it provides ~~objective and impartial~~ **accurate and complete** information to the people, including during armed conflicts and situations involving terrorism;

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

6. *Stresses* that a free media is a prerequisite for any democracy, particularly as it provides objective and impartial information to the ~~people~~ **public**, including during armed conflicts and situations involving terrorism;

(Indonesia)

Operative paragraphs 6-11

Delete paragraphs 6-11 and move to the preambular paragraphs.

(Sweden)

Operative paragraph 8

Amend to read as follows:

8. *Recognizes* that in addition to its legal rights and obligations, the media has an ethical responsibility to citizens and society, **in light of its growing impact on public opinion**, at a time when information and communication play an important role in the development of society and democratic life;

(Algeria)

New operative paragraph 8bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 8, to read as follows:

- 8bis.** *Recognizes the need to establish a universal charter of honour for media practices or a world convention governing the treatment and analysis by the media of subjects related to terrorism and armed conflicts in order to ensure the objectivity, impartiality and exhaustiveness of such media analyses and coverage, which will serve to slow the proliferation of violence, terrorism and armed conflicts;*

(Egypt)

Operative paragraph 9

Amend to read as follows:

9. *Also recognizes that the media plays an important role in providing all components of civil society with ~~credible and relevant~~ **accurate and complete** information, thereby enabling parliamentarians and the people to make well-informed decisions;*

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

9. *Also recognizes that the media plays an important role in providing all components of civil society with credible and relevant information, thereby ~~enabling~~ **helping** parliamentarians and the people to make well-informed decisions;*

(Finland)

Amend to read as follows:

9. *Also recognizes that the media plays an important role in providing all components of civil society with credible and relevant information, thereby enabling parliamentarians and the ~~people~~ **public** to make well-informed decisions;*

(Indonesia)

Operative paragraph 10

Amend to read as follows:

10. *Acknowledges that the media plays a ~~central~~ **certain** role in the construction of social frameworks for politics and that it can both spur and deter the actions of conflicting parties in cases of armed conflict and terrorism;*

(Finland)

Amend to read as follows:

10. *Acknowledges that the media plays a central role in the construction of social frameworks for politics and that it can both ~~spur~~ **encourage** and deter the actions of conflicting parties in cases of armed conflict and terrorism;*

(Indonesia)

Operative paragraph 11

Amend to read as follows:

11. *Reaffirms* that the media can be ~~an~~ **a recognized** alternative forum for non-violent dialogue and an effective communication channel;

(Algeria)

New operative paragraph 11bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 11, to read as follows:

- 11bis. *Calls upon* the media to assume its role in promoting dialogue, understanding and tolerance and in rejecting violence, conflict and fanaticism, and in shaping public opinion so as to serve the noble objectives of the mother country and promote a climate of international cooperation and understanding;**

(Egypt)

Operative paragraph 12

Amend to read as follows:

12. *Urges* the media to provide ~~a balanced and correct~~ **an accurate and complete** picture of the events in situations of armed conflict;

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

12. *Urges* the media to provide a balanced and ~~correct~~ **truthful** picture of the events in situations of armed conflict;

(Finland)

Amend to read as follows:

12. *Urges* the media to provide a balanced and correct picture of the events in situations of armed conflict **and situations involving terrorism**;

(Indonesia)

Operative paragraph 13

Amend to read as follows:

13. *Also urges* the media to show restraint in reporting unconfirmed information relating to armed conflicts and the struggle against terrorism ~~with the sole aim of obtaining increased publicity~~;

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

13. *Also urges* the media **carefully** to ~~show restraint in~~ **analyze its material when** reporting unconfirmed information relating to armed conflicts and the struggle against terrorism with the sole aim of obtaining increased publicity;

(Finland)

Operative paragraph 14

Amend to read as follows:

14. *Urges* the media to refuse to highlight ~~terrorists'~~ **the statements of terrorists and terrorist organizations** aimed at gaining broader publicity and inciting people;

(Algeria)

Operative paragraph 14bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 14, to read as follows:

- 14bis. ***Calls upon* media executives to draw up, in their professional organizations, a code of conduct for journalists, photographers and editors-in-chief so that they can keep the public informed without unduly emphasizing the impact of terrorism;**

(Belgium)

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 14, to read as follows:

- 14bis. ***Emphasizes that freedom of information must be realized with the strictest possible respect for the human dignity of the victims of armed conflict and terrorism;***

(Italy)

Operative paragraph 15

Delete the paragraph.

(Indonesia)

Operative paragraph 16

Amend to read as follows:

16. *Calls upon* the IPU to promote freedom of opinion and expression as a fundamental right, subject to reasonable restrictions **which are provided for by law and which are necessary to respect the rights or reputations of others, or to protect national security or public order, or public health or morals;**

(Australia)

Amend to read as follows:

16. *Calls upon **parliaments and** the IPU to promote freedom of opinion and expression as a fundamental right, ~~subject to reasonable restrictions;~~*

(Romania)

Operative paragraphs 16 and 18

Merge operative paragraphs 16 and 18, to read as follows

16. *Calls upon the IPU to promote freedom of opinion and expression, **including in cyberspace**, as a fundamental right, subject to reasonable restrictions ~~Acknowledges the principle of freedom of expression in cyberspace, with reasonable restrictions, including such restrictions~~ as may be required in the struggle against terrorism and in cases of armed conflict;*

(Indonesia)

Operative paragraph 18

Amend to read as follows:

18. *Acknowledges the principle of freedom of expression in cyberspace, with reasonable restrictions, ~~including such restrictions as may be required in the struggle against terrorism and in cases of armed conflict,~~ **as required in the struggle against terrorism and incitement to hatred, racism, xenophobia and the violation of human rights;***

(Belgium)

Amend to read as follows:

18. *Acknowledges the principle of freedom of expression in cyberspace, with reasonable restrictions, ~~including such restrictions as may be required in the struggle against terrorism and in cases of armed conflict~~ **which may only be limited by respect for the dignity of human beings;***

(Mexico)

New operative paragraph 18bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 18, to read as follows:

- 18bis. Condemning the extremely violent images, where human mistreatment or deaths are shown in the Internet or in the mass media;**

(Mexico)

Subheading before operative paragraph 19

Amend to read as follows:

~~Objective~~ **Accurate and complete** information on armed conflicts and terrorism

(Canada)

Operative paragraph 19

Amend to read as follows:

19. *Strongly urges* all Member Parliaments of the IPU to assume, before their States and citizens, in conformity with their national legislation and the international obligations of States, responsibility for ~~implementing and enforcing, through the enactment of,~~ **overseeing the implementation and enforcement of** national laws ~~and the~~ international agreements that have been concluded to combat and prevent armed conflict and terrorism;

(Indonesia)

Amend to read as follows:

19. *Strongly urges* all Member Parliaments of the IPU to assume, before their States and citizens, in conformity with their national legislation and the international obligations of States, responsibility for **ratifying**, implementing and enforcing, through the enactment of national laws, the international agreements that have been concluded to combat and prevent armed conflict and terrorism;

(Romania)

Operative paragraph 20

Amend to read as follows:

20. *Also recommends* that the media consider adopting a voluntary code of conduct, **ethics** or appropriate guidelines for reporting on armed conflict and terrorism;

(Mexico)

Operative paragraph 21

Delete the paragraph.

(Finland)

Amend to read as follows:

21. *Further recommends* that the media should play a role in peace-building activities, **by making use of anything that may foster them, advocating reconciliation and extolling the values of tolerance and non-violence and the call for human communities to live together**, for example by developing innovative programmes that **allow peoples affected by armed conflict or terrorism to express themselves, and which** ~~can articulate people's needs in these areas and~~ create a space for dialogue by highlighting mutual respect, collaboration and reconciliation;

(Algeria)

Amend to read as follows:

21. *Further recommends* that the media should play a role in peace-building activities, for example by developing innovative programmes that can articulate people's needs in ~~these~~ **the areas concerned** and create a space for dialogue by highlighting mutual respect, collaboration and reconciliation;

(Romania)

Operative paragraph 22

Amend to read as follows:

22. *Emphasizes* that in order for society to address the issues that create an environment conducive to terrorism, the media should play a role ~~by shaping the will of the people through~~ **in facilitating the** open debates and discussions that are fundamental elements of democracy;

(Canada)

Delete the paragraph and replace the text of the existing paragraph as follows:

22. ***Further recommends* that the media provide an opportunity for open debates and discussions, as a platform for society to address those issues that may create an environment conducive to terrorism;**

(Indonesia)

New operative paragraph 22bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 22, to read as follows:

- 22bis. ***Recognizes* that the struggle against the new kind of pandemic that terrorism represents for humankind must be global and involve the entire international community, as community of values and hope, for if terrorism no longer has any frontiers, and if it has applied to its benefit the very principles of globalisation, the strategy to combat it must also be global, involving close cooperation between governments that must act in concert, between parliaments and between civil society actors;**

(Algeria)

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 22, to read as follows:

- 22bis. ***Stresses* the need to promote educational programmes, targeting in particular young people, aimed at enabling a critical and informed consumption of the media content on armed conflicts and terrorist acts;**

(Romania)

Add two new paragraphs after operative paragraph 22, to read as follows:

- 22bis.** *Invites governments to facilitate research into the root causes of terrorism, in order to bring about a better understanding of the aims of terrorism and the reasons behind it, and to be able to provide measures against terrorism and to help young people to protect themselves from being recruited by terrorists;*
- 22ter.** *Urges the mass media as well as parliaments to enlighten the public about the fact that when a State proclaims a state of emergency, such action must comply with the principles of the rule of law, thus respecting international law and humanitarian rights;*

(Sweden)

New operative paragraphs 22bis, 22ter, 22quater and 22quinquies

Add four new paragraphs:

- 22bis.** *Calls upon the IPU to condemn, without reserve to international terrorism by all media and in conformity with the United Nations Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, United Nations human rights conventions, as a way to demonstrate our repudiation of terrorist groups and show solidarity with and facilitate assistance to the victims of such acts;*
- 22ter.** *Calls upon the IPU to support the efforts carried out by the United Nations to achieve a universally accepted definition of terrorism as the basis for a future convention on terrorism;*
- 22quater.** *Reiterates the IPU's commitment to actively participating and contributing to the fight against terrorism, through national and international cooperation, so as to tackle and eliminate its causes at the national and international level;*
- 22quinquies.** *Calls upon IPU Member Parliamentarians to design measures to muffle the economic effect of the fight against terrorism, supporting vulnerable sectors and areas of their economies such as the trade of goods by sea and air, and the movement of people and tourism;*

(Mexico)

New operative paragraph 23bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 23, to read as follows:

- 23bis.** *Notes that the attitude of parliaments to combating domestic and international terrorism must be firm and rigorous: no cause can justify the use of terrorism, which, as it targets innocent people, is a crime against humanity;*

(Italy)

Operative paragraph 24

Amend to read as follows:

24. *Emphasizes* the need for regular debates in ~~the~~ parliaments ~~concerned~~ on armed conflict and international terrorism, and the need for appropriate media coverage of the same;

(Canada)

24. *Emphasizes* the need for regular debates in the parliaments concerned on armed conflict and international terrorism, and the need for appropriate media coverage of ~~the same~~ **these debates**;

(Indonesia)

Operative paragraph 24bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 24, to read as follows:

- 24bis. ***Emphasizes that parliaments must commit themselves to establishing as soon as possible a definition of terrorism shared by the entire international community, knowing that this lacuna undermines the struggle against terrorism;***

(Italy)

Operative paragraph 27

Amend to read as follows:

27. *Reiterates* the call on parliaments made at the 109th IPU Assembly held in Geneva in 2003 to do everything possible at the national level to facilitate the establishment of a standing mechanisms for conflict prevention and resolution, as a way to promote action geared to achieving real peace;

(Indonesia)

Operative paragraph 28

Amend to read as follows:

28. *Calls upon* parliaments to support the **governmental and** inter-governmental structures, mechanisms, **instruments** and processes that promote stabilization, reconciliation and peaceful development at the **national**, regional and subregional levels, and to enhance their parliamentary dimension.

(Algeria)

Amend to read as follows:

28. *Calls upon* parliaments to support the inter-governmental structures, mechanisms and processes that promote ~~stabilization~~ **stability**, reconciliation and peaceful development at the regional and subregional levels, and to enhance their parliamentary dimension.

(Indonesia)