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**PROMOTING AND PRACTISING GOOD GOVERNANCE AS A MEANS OF ADVANCING
PEACE AND SECURITY: DRAWING LESSONS FROM RECENT EVENTS
IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA**

***Amendments to the revised preliminary draft resolution submitted
within the statutory deadline by the delegations of Argentina, Canada, China, Congo,
Egypt, France, Germany, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, the Philippines, Spain,
Sweden, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates and Venezuela***

TITLE

Amend the title as follows:

Promoting and practising good governance as a means of advancing peace and security:
drawing lessons from ~~recent events in the Middle East and North Africa~~ **the Arab Spring**

(and amend subsequent references in the text).

(Egypt)

PREAMBLE

Preambular paragraph 1

Amend to read as follows:

(1) *Considering* that there is compelling evidence to support the positive correlation between sovereign good governance and the level of peace and security in society and in the world **and that the absence of good governance undeniably constitutes a threat to peace and security and that it must be guaranteed through democracy,**

(Congo)

Move paragraph 1 after paragraphs 2 and 3 and merge it with paragraph 4 (see paragraph 4 below):

(Egypt)

Amend to read as follows:

(1) *Considering* that there is compelling evidence to support the positive correlation between ~~sovereign~~ good governance **within countries** and the level of peace and security in society and in the world,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

(1) ~~Considering that there is compelling evidence to support the~~ **a clear and** positive correlation between ~~sovereign~~ good governance **on the one hand** and ~~the level of~~ peace and security in society and in **all countries of the world on the other in order, to ensure sustainable development and in accordance with the rights of each State,**

(United Arab Emirates)

Preambular paragraph 3

Delete the existing paragraph.

(Switzerland)

Amend to read as follows:

(3) ~~Supporting all efforts to uphold the sovereign~~ **aimed at adhering to the principle of** equality of all States, respecting ~~ing~~ their territorial integrity and political independence, ~~to refrain~~ **ing** in international relations from ~~the threatening to~~ or ~~using~~ **of** force in any manner inconsistent with the ~~purposes~~ **objectives** and principles of the United Nations, ~~to uphold resolution of disputes by peaceful means and in conformity with the principles of justice and international law,~~ **upholding** the right to self-determination of ~~the peoples~~ **still under the yoke of imperialistic hegemony to self-determination and the principle of non-interference in the** ~~which remain under colonial domination and foreign occupation,~~ **non-interference in the internal domestic** affairs of **other** States, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, respect for the equal rights of all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion, international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and the fulfilment in good faith of the obligations assumed in accordance with the Charter (paragraph 5, 2005 World Summit Outcome, A/Res/60/1),

(Egypt)

Amend to read as follows:

(3) *Supporting* all efforts to uphold the sovereign equality of all States, respect their territorial integrity and political independence, to refrain in international relations from the threat or use of force in any manner inconsistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations, to uphold resolution of disputes by peaceful means and in conformity with the principles of justice and international law, the right to self-determination of peoples which remain under colonial domination and foreign occupation, non-interference in the internal affairs of States, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, respect for the equal rights of all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion, international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and the fulfilment in good faith of the obligations assumed in accordance with the **UN** Charter (paragraph 5, 2005 World Summit Outcome, A/Res/60/1),

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

New preambular paragraph 3bis

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

(3bis) Recognizing that governance is the manner in which power is exercised in the management of a country's politics, as well as its economic and social resources,

(Canada)

Preambular paragraph 4

Amend to read as follows:

(4) *Recognizing* that **good** governance is the manner of governing that aims to achieve ~~lasting~~ **sustainable** economic, social and institutional development, promoting a healthy balance between the State, civil society and the market economy, and that there is no other way of exercising it than by serving the interests of the people,

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

(4) *Considering* that there is compelling evidence to support the positive correlation between sovereign good governance and the level of peace and security in society and in the world, ~~and recognizing~~ that governance is the manner of governing that aims to achieve lasting economic, social and institutional development, promoting a healthy balance between the State, civil society and the market economy, and that there is no other way of exercising it than by serving the interests of the people,

(Egypt)

Amend to read as follows:

(4) *Recognizing* that governance is the manner of governing that aims to achieve ~~lasting~~ **sustainable** economic, social and institutional development, promoting a healthy ~~and balance between~~ **balanced relations among** the State, civil society and the market economy, ~~and that there is no other way of exercising it than by serving~~ **to serve** the interests of the people ~~and meet their needs~~,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

(4) *Recognizing* that **good** governance is the manner of governing that aims to achieve lasting economic, social and institutional development, promoting a healthy balance between the State, civil society and the market economy, and that there is no other way of exercising it than by serving the interests of the people,

(Sweden)

Amend to read as follows:

(4) *Recognizing* that **good** governance ~~is the manner of governing that aims to achieve lasting economic, social and institutional development, promoting a healthy balance between the State, civil society and the market economy, and that there is no other way of exercising it than by serving the interests of the people~~ **correlates with political and economic stability in communities, and that this prevents unrest and political tensions by focusing on the principles that enable the authorities to devise a policy to manage their economic and social resources in a way that ensures fairness, transparency and equal opportunities,**

(United Arab Emirates)

Preambular paragraph 5

Amend to read as follows:

(5) *Mindful* that the role of public authorities in **fostering the well-being and development of peoples**, ~~creating an environment for entrepreneurs to function and in determining the distribution of benefits~~ as well as the nature of the relationship between the government and citizens, is pivotal in promoting and practising good governance at the national and international levels,

(Argentina)

Preambular paragraph 6

Amend to read as follows:

(6) *Noting* that good governance **adapted to the national conditions of each country and respectful of each country's right to independently choose its social system and development path** leads to efficient and accountable institutions, i.e. political, judicial, administrative, economic and corporate rules that promote development and the rule of law, protect human rights, and ensure that people are free to participate and be heard in decisions that affect their lives,

(China)

Amend to read as follows:

(6) *Noting* that good governance leads to ~~efficient and accountable~~ **reliable** institutions **that are highly efficient, able to function transparently and credibly under**, ~~i.e. effective~~ political, judicial, administrative, economic and ~~corporate-commercial~~ **rules provisions** that ~~promote~~ **ensure** development and the rule of law, protect human rights, and ensure that people are free to participate **in** and ~~be heard~~ **express their opinions on** decisions that affect their lives,

(United Arab Emirates)

Preambular paragraph 7

Amend to read as follows:

(7) *Also noting* that the catalysts for the uprisings in the Middle East and North Africa were several, among them the concentration of wealth in the hands of autocrats in power for decades, lack of transparency in the redistribution of that wealth, corruption, and in particular, young people's refusal to accept the status quo; spiralling food prices and famine were also determining factors, **and that furthermore, these are strategic countries in terms of their geopolitical importance and abundant natural resources**,

(Argentina)

Amend to read as follows:

(7) *Also noting* that the catalysts for the uprisings in the Middle East and North Africa were several, among them the concentration of wealth in the hands of autocrats in power for decades, lack of transparency in the redistribution of that wealth, corruption, and in particular, young people's refusal to accept the status quo; ~~spiralling food prices and famine were also determining factors~~,

(Egypt, India)

Amend to read as follows:

(7) *Also noting* that the catalysts for the uprisings in the Middle East and North Africa were several, among them the concentration of wealth in the hands of autocrats in power for decades, lack of transparency in the redistribution of that wealth, **lack of good governance and the rule of law as well as human rights abuses and** corruption, and in particular, young people's refusal to accept the status quo; spiralling food prices and famine were also ~~determining~~ **contributing** factors.

(Germany)

Amend to read as follows:

(7) *Also noting* that the catalysts for the uprisings in the Middle East, ~~and~~ North Africa **and the West (e.g. the anti-capitalist movement)** were several, among them the concentration of wealth in the hands of autocrats in power **and big banks and companies** for decades, lack of transparency in the redistribution of that wealth, corruption, and in particular, young people's refusal to accept the status quo; spiralling food prices and famine were also determining factors.

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

(7) *Also noting* that the catalysts for the uprisings in the Middle East and North Africa were several, among them the concentration of wealth in the hands of autocrats in power for decades, lack of transparency in the redistribution of that wealth, corruption, and in particular, young people's **quest for dignity** and refusal to accept ~~the status quo~~ **youth unemployment**; spiralling food prices ~~and famine~~ were also determining factors.

(Sweden)

New preambular paragraph 7bis

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

(7bis) *Recalling* that undemocratically elected regimes use the armed forces to guarantee their own survival, which has resulted in serious human rights violations, including hunting down targets and certain sectors of society,

(Switzerland)

Preambular paragraph 8

Amend to read as follows:

(8) *Acknowledging* that the ~~disconnect~~ **disconnection** between the demands of civil society and the response of governments, as well as lack of government reform, might well have contributed to the protests,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

(8) *Acknowledging* that the disconnect between the demands of ~~civil society~~ **activists and citizens** and the response of governments, as well as lack of government reform, might well have contributed to the protests,

(Sweden)

Preambular paragraph 9

Amend to read as follows:

(9) *Expressing* its sorrow for the victims of the political processes in **the West**, the Middle East and North Africa, and its solidarity with the families of those who died in their quest for **justice and** freedom ~~and justice~~,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

(9) *Expressing* its sorrow for the victims ~~of the political processes~~ **who were demanding political change** in the Middle East and North Africa, and its solidarity with the families of those who died in their quest for freedom and justice,

(Sweden)

Preambular paragraph 10

Delete the existing paragraph.

(Egypt)

Amend to read as follows:

(10) *Noting* the undeniably positive influence of education, **information and communication technologies (ICTs)**, and exposure to issues of good governance,

(Japan)

(Does not affect the English version).

(Switzerland)

Amend to read as follows:

(10) *Noting* **that good governance is an integrated process promoted through community culture and educational institutions, where the principles and values of freedom, development and justice required for future generations to tackle the challenges ahead are instilled** ~~the undeniably positive influence of education and exposure to issues of good governance;~~

(United Arab Emirates)

New preambular paragraph 11bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 11 to read as follows:

(11bis) *Recalling the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the 1995 Beijing Platform for Action, both of which emphasize the need to ensure the role of women in decision-making and in public and political life;*

(Canada)

Preambular paragraph 12

Amend to read as follows:

(12) *Also recalling* the resolution on ~~P~~**providing a sound legislative framework aimed at preventing electoral violence, improving election monitoring and ensuring the smooth transition of power**, adopted by the 124th IPU Assembly (Panama, 2011), which calls upon parliaments,

where necessary, "to undertake constitutional and legislative reform, building on international obligations and commitments and taking into account local realities, so as to provide a sound legal framework for free and fair elections that includes the adoption of electoral systems that provide for representative and inclusive outcomes, and for the smooth transfer of power",

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Preambular paragraph 14

Amend to read as follows:

(14) *Noting* that the recent events in the Middle East and North Africa have provided important lessons for all countries on democracy and freedom, **economic development and social justice**,

(China)

Amend to read as follows:

(14) *Noting* that the recent events in **the West**, the Middle East and North Africa have provided important lessons for all countries on **justice**, democracy and freedom,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Preambular paragraph 15

Amend to read as follows:

(15) *Also noting* that those events have shown that ~~people everywhere need~~ **there are strong popular aspirations to** democratic and legitimate governments based on the will of the people, expressed regularly through free and fair elections,

(Argentina)

Preambular paragraph 16

Amend to read as follows:

(16) *Further noting* that it is always the people who have the right to determine their own political future based on the cultural and historical characteristics of their nation, **and based on universally recognized human rights principles**,

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

(16) *Further noting* that it is always the people who have the right to **freely** determine their own political future based on the cultural and historical characteristics of their nation **without foreign intervention**,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

(16) *Further noting* that it is always the people who have the right to determine their own political future based on the cultural and historical characteristics of their nation, **and taking steps towards a democratic transition of society, including equal rights for women and men, which sometimes means bringing into question certain cultural and historical patterns**,

(Sweden)

Preambular paragraph 17

Delete the existing paragraph.

(Switzerland)

Amend to read as follows:

(17) *Reaffirming* that democracy is a universal value based on the freely expressed will of **the** people to determine their own political, economic, social and cultural systems and their full participation in all aspects of their lives, that while democracies share common features, there is no single model of democracy, that it does not belong to any country or region; *also reaffirming* the need for due respect for sovereignty and the right of self-determination (paragraph 135, 2005 World Summit Outcome, A/Res/60/1),

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Preambular paragraph 18

Delete the existing paragraph.

(Switzerland)

Amend to read as follows:

(18) *Mindful* ~~that people will not view democracy in a positive light if their livelihood is at stake, and~~ that democracy and development are inextricably linked,

(Japan)

New preambular paragraph 18bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 18 to read as follows:

(18bis) Welcoming the long-term commitment made by the countries in the Deauville Partnership to support and foster sustainable economic development, and shared by Arab countries undergoing democratic changes in full respect of their national sovereignty; also welcoming the participation in this Partnership of the United Nations, the Arab League, the Union for the Mediterranean, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank,

(France)

Preambular paragraph 19

Delete the existing paragraph.

(Switzerland)

Amend to read as follows:

(19) *Considering* that it is only good governance, ~~defined locally and taking into account specific cultural, historical and social peculiarities and differences,~~ that can create the conditions for peace and security

(Germany)

Amend to read as follows:

(19) *Considering* that it is only good governance, defined locally and taking into account specific cultural, historical and social peculiarities and differences, that can create the **necessary** conditions for **lasting** peace and security,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

(19) *Considering that it is ~~only~~ rather than prescribing an indiscriminate definition of good governance **for all countries, the adoption of good governance standards must take,** ~~defined locally and taking~~ into account specific cultural, historical and social peculiarities and differences, ~~that can~~ **factors of each and every society to effectively** create the conditions for peace and security,*

(Philippines)

New preambular paragraph 19bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 19 to read as follows:

(19bis) Deeply concerned by the bloody crackdown by the Syrian regime and the multiple human rights violations committed by the Syrian authorities, and offering its full support to the Syrian people in their demands for the establishment of a constitutional State, respect for human rights and better socio-economic conditions,

(France)

Preambular paragraph 20

Amend to read as follows:

(20) *Acknowledging that the experiences of other regions and of the past year tend to show that the process of ~~democratization~~ **comprehensive reform** in the Middle East and North Africa will take a significant amount of time, given the fact that it is often a lengthy, unpredictable and complex process, which involves changing power relations in society,*

(China)

Amend to read as follows:

(20) *Acknowledging that the experiences of ~~other~~ **different** regions and of the past year tend to show that the process of democratization in the Middle East and North Africa will take a significant amount of time, given the fact that it is often a lengthy, unpredictable and complex process, which involves changing power relations in society,*

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

(20) *Acknowledging that the experiences of other regions and of the past year tend to show that the ~~process of democratization~~ **transition towards democracy and the establishment of a constitutional State** in the Middle East and North Africa will ~~take a significant amount of time, given the fact that it is often a lengthy, unpredictable and complex process, which involves changing power relations in society~~ **be spread over several generations,***

(Switzerland)

Preambular paragraph 21

Amend to read as follows:

(21) *Convinced that the attainment of democracy requires extensive changes that are rooted in constitutions, electoral systems, laws and regulations related to political parties, the media, the justice system, **an enabling environment for civil society,** and not least a change in attitudes, including a paradigm shift regarding the place of women in political life,*

(Canada)

New Preambular paragraph 21bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 21 to read as follows:

(21bis) Also convinced that commitment to the principles of good governance in the management of public affairs will guarantee freedoms and the rule of law, reduce corruption, ensure fair elections, help establish systems and institutions that strive to provide the best services to all sectors of society, and undoubtedly be the best guarantor of political stability,

(United Arab Emirates)

New Preambular paragraphs 21bis and 21ter

Add two new paragraphs after preambular paragraph 21 to read as follows:

(21bis) Offering its praise to Tunisia for successfully electing its Constituent Assembly and to Egypt for successfully electing its People's Assembly and Shura Council, with an unprecedented turnout in elections that were highly commended by national and international observers.

(21ter) Expressing its condemnation of the massacre and systematic violations committed by the brutal repression machinery of Syrian forces against the Syrian people,

(Egypt)

OPERATIVE PART

Operative paragraph 1

Delete the existing paragraph.

(China)

Amend to read as follows:

1. *Invites* all States, **congresses** and parliaments to consider the major lessons drawn from the ~~Arab Spring~~ **political processes in North Africa and the Middle East, but also in Europe and the United States**, on the need for democratic reform and for governments to ~~provide basic employment and economic opportunities to their people~~ **meet the demands of their citizens and guarantee equal opportunities;**

(Argentina)

Operative paragraph 2

Amend to read as follows:

2. *Recommends* sustained investment in political reform where necessary, which may include the creation of independent ~~government~~ watchdogs, the amendment of constitutions, electoral systems, laws, regulations and processes related to political parties, the judicial system, the media, gender equality and the involvement of civil society;

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

2. *Recommends* sustained investment in political reform where necessary, which ~~may~~ **in many cases should** include the creation of independent government watchdogs, the amendment of constitutions, electoral systems, laws, regulations and processes related to political parties, **an independent** ~~the~~ judicial system, **an independent** ~~the~~ media **with the right to exercise freedom of speech and expression**, gender equality and the involvement of civil society;

(Sweden)

Amend to read as follows:

2. *Recommends* ~~sustained~~ **sustainable** investment in political reform, **which includes encouraging countries to apply the principles of good governance by promoting the rule of law, greater transparency and accountability, dialogue between the various sectors of society, as well as community participation** ~~where necessary, which may include the creation of independent government watchdogs, the amendment of constitutions, electoral systems, laws, regulations and processes related to political parties, the judicial system, the media, gender equality and the involvement of civil society;~~

(United Arab Emirates)

New operative paragraphs 2bis and 2ter

Add two new paragraphs after operative paragraph 2 to read as follows:

- 2bis. *Recommends* that particular attention be paid to security sector reform so that the security forces such as the police, the intelligence services and the armed forces, act within the framework of the rule of law and fully respect the fundamental rights of citizens, and are held to account for their acts to a democratically elected authority;

- 2ter. *Expresses its wish*, with a view to building inclusive societies, that aspects of transitional justice and addressing the past be adequately taken into account in the transition process, in particular promoting the truth, sentencing perpetrators, compensating victims, and putting in place guarantees to avoid repeating mistakes of the past;

(Switzerland)

Operative paragraph 3

Delete the existing paragraph.

(China)

Amend to read as follows:

3. *Calls upon* all Member Parliaments that have not done so to ratify and ensure full implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights **and its Optional Protocol** and ensure that freedom of thought, expression and association, as well as other civil and political rights, are guaranteed;

(Argentina)

Amend to read as follows:

3. *Calls upon* all Member Parliaments ~~that have not done so~~ to ratify and ~~ensure~~ **work towards the full effective** implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, ~~and~~ ensure that freedom of thought, expression and association, as well as other civil and political rights, are guaranteed;

(Congo)

Amend to read as follows:

3. *Calls upon* all Member Parliaments that have not done so to ratify and ensure full implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and ensure that freedom of thought, expression and association, as well as other civil and political rights, **such as the right to human dignity, the right to life, and the right to personal integrity; prohibition of cruel or degrading treatment or punishment, and of slavery and forced labour; the right to security of person, the rights to privacy and family life; the right to freedom of conscience and religion; the right to freedom of information; the right to assembly, the right to equality before the law and non-discrimination; and the right to gender equality,** are guaranteed;

(Spain)

Amend to read as follows:

3. *Calls upon* all Member ~~the P~~**parliaments** that **are full-fledged Members of the IPU** ~~have not done so~~ to ratify and ~~ensure full implementation of~~ the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and ensure ~~that~~ freedom of thought, expression and ~~association~~ **assembly**, as well as ~~other civil and political rights,~~ are guaranteed **privacy rights**;

(United Arab Emirates)

Operative paragraph 5

Amend to read as follows:

5. *Recommends* that new leaders in the Middle East and North Africa and **other parts of** the world ~~over~~ strive to implement policies that will help reduce economic inequality and tackle everyday problems, such as poverty, lack of access to health services and corruption;

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

5. *Recommends* that ~~new~~ leaders in the Middle East and North Africa and the world over strive to implement policies that will help reduce economic inequality and tackle everyday problems, such as poverty, lack of access to health services and corruption;

(Switzerland)

Operative paragraph 6

Amend to read as follows:

6. *Encourages* IPU Member Parliaments to advocate for increased civic education, with a focus on the fundamental principles of democratic governance, while ~~reflecting~~ **respecting local conditions and the cultural** diversity of ~~histories and cultures~~;

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

New operative paragraph 6bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 6 to read as follows:

6bis. Calls upon citizens' groups and international organizations to provide their support for closing the digital divide, thus enabling more people to have access to ICTs;

(Japan)

Operative paragraph 7

Amend to read as follows:

7. Urges the international community to stand ready to help upon request, but at the same time to respect and comply with the principle of sovereignty **and non-intervention** as enshrined in the UN Charter, in order to avoid undue influence on the situation of and election outcomes in States;

(Argentina)

Amend to read as follows:

7. Urges the international community to stand ready to help upon request, **bearing in mind the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,** ~~but at the same time to respect and comply with~~ **including** the principle of sovereignty as enshrined in the UN Charter, in order to avoid undue influence on the situation of and election outcomes in States;

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

7. Urges the international community to stand ready to help upon request, **countries in need of electoral assistance, but while,** at the same time, ~~to respecting and complying~~ with the principle of sovereignty as enshrined in the UN Charter, ~~in order to~~ **and avoiding** undue influence on the situation of and election outcomes in States;

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

7. Urges the international community to stand ready to help upon request, ~~but at the same time to~~ **support the transition process while** respecting ~~and complying with~~ the principles of sovereignty as enshrined in the UN Charter, in order to avoid undue influence on the situation of and election outcomes in States;

(Switzerland)

New operative paragraph 7bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 7 to read as follows:

7bis. Calls upon all Member Parliaments to urge their governments to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations, and to settle their international disputes by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace and security, and justice, are not endangered;

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

New operative paragraphs 7bis and 7ter

Add two new paragraphs after operative paragraph 7 to read as follows:

7bis. Appeals to the countries participating in the Deauville Partnership and in other regional development partnerships with the Southern Mediterranean, such as the Union for the Mediterranean, the European Union's Neighbourhood Policy and the strong cooperation arrangements between the European Union and Africa, to honour in the long term their financial commitments with the support of the United Nations, regional organizations and the multilateral financial institutions;

7ter. Urges countries in North Africa and the Middle East, with the active participation of their parliaments and inter-parliamentary assemblies concerned, to strengthen their economic integration, in particular in the framework of the Arab Maghreb Union, the Gulf Cooperation Council and the Union for the Mediterranean;

(France)

Operative paragraph 8

Delete the existing paragraph.

(Switzerland)

Amend to read as follows:

8. *Calls upon* the international community to promote comprehensive reform of the United Nations in order to achieve development, world peace and security through the principles enshrined in its Charter ~~and the fair representation of nations;~~

(China)

Amend to read as follows:

8. *Calls upon* the international community to promote comprehensive reform of the United Nations in order to achieve ~~development~~ world peace, ~~and~~ **and development** through the principles enshrined in its Charter and the fair representation of nations

(Germany)

Amend to read as follows:

8. Calls upon the international community to ~~promote~~ **support** comprehensive reform of the United Nations in order to achieve development, **justice and** world peace and security through the principles enshrined in its Charter and the fair representation of nations;

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Operative paragraph 9

Amend to read as follows:

9. *Encourages* States to comply with the Millennium Declaration, which calls for the promotion of peace, security, human rights, the elimination of hunger, poverty, and **to attach greater** ~~the importance of and right~~ to education in the context of sustainable ~~growth~~ **development;**

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

9. *Encourages* States to comply with the Millennium Declaration, which calls for the promotion of peace, security, human rights, the elimination of hunger, poverty, and the importance of and right to education **for both sexes** in the context of sustainable growth;

(Sweden)

New operative paragraph 9bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 9 to read as follows:

- 9bis. Acknowledges that an active and independent non-governmental organization (NGO) community is fundamental to any democratic society and hence encourages parliaments and governments to enact a reliable legal framework in line with international best practices for NGOs and political foundations;**

(Germany)

Operative paragraph 10

Amend to read as follows:

10. *Invites* political parties, ~~and~~ national parliaments **and governments** to implement policies and mechanisms aimed at ensuring the participation of women and youth in public and political life;

(Japan)

Amend to read as follows:

10. *Invites* political parties and national parliaments to implement policies and mechanisms aimed at ensuring the participation of women and youth in public, ~~and~~ political **and economic** life;

(Switzerland)

Operative paragraph 11

Amend to read as follows:

11. *Calls upon* all parliaments to **enhance their transparency by facilitating citizen's access** ~~enact legislation and take specific action to enhance their transparency, develop information and communication technology (ICT) tools to facilitate citizens' access~~ to relevant information on parliamentary processes, effectively carry out their oversight function over the other branches of the State and develop mechanisms for regular and robust outreach and accountability to civil society;

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

New operative paragraph 11bis

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

- 11bis. Also calls upon the international community and governments to establish criteria for and universal indicators of good governance;**

(Congo)

Operative paragraph 12

Amend to read as follows:

12. *Urges* the IPU to lend support to the ~~democratization~~ **comprehensive reform** process under way in the Middle East and North Africa, **with the request or consent of the concerned countries**, particularly in areas relating to the process of constitutional reform and the drafting of new electoral laws, as well as the sharing of good practices for open and inclusive electoral processes that are conducive to the establishment of representative and effective parliaments;

(China)

Amend to read as follows:

12. ~~*Urges*~~ **Requests** the IPU to lend support to the democratization process under way in the Middle East and North Africa, particularly in areas relating to the process of constitutional reform and the drafting of new electoral laws, as well as the sharing of good practices for open and inclusive electoral processes that are conducive to the establishment of representative and effective parliaments;

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

12. *Urges* the IPU to lend support to the ~~democratization—process~~ **transition to democracy** under way in the Middle East and North Africa, particularly in areas relating to the process of constitutional reform and the drafting of new electoral laws, as well as the sharing of good practices for open and inclusive electoral processes that are conducive to the establishment of representative and effective parliaments;

(Switzerland)

Operative paragraph 13

Amend to read as follows:

13. *Also urges* **requests** the IPU to develop and implement a programme of technical assistance and capacity building that supports the newly elected parliaments in the Middle East and North Africa;

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

New operative paragraph 13bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 13 to read as follows:

- 13bis. *Calls upon* the international community, governments and parliaments to always favour dialogue in conflict resolution, and *requests* that the relevant United Nations resolutions be enforced in strict compliance with the terms under which they were adopted;**

(Congo)

Operative paragraph 14

Delete the existing paragraph.

(Sweden)

New operative paragraph 14bis

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

- 14bis.** ***Calls upon IPU Member Parliaments and governments to offer their support to the Arab League peace plan, which paves the way for a democratic transition in Syria and sets out the conditions for a national dialogue among Syrians in an environment that is free of violence.***

(France)

New operative paragraphs 14bis, 14ter, 14quater, 14quinquies

Add four new paragraphs after operative paragraph 14 to read as follows:

- 14bis.** ***Urges donor countries and the multilateral financial institutions to honour their promises to the Arab Spring countries and to provide them with aid, grants and concessional loans in order to salvage their economies and prevent further recession, thus creating more job opportunities to mitigate unemployment; and calls upon the parliaments of donor countries to urge their governments to fulfil this objective;***

- 14ter.** ***Appeals to the parliaments of the countries where such assets have been transferred to urge their governments and banks to recover assets that have been plundered from peoples who were deprived of their rights to development;***

- 14quater.** ***Calls upon the parliaments of western countries to adopt the measures necessary to stop exporting any tools, devices and equipment that may be used by security agencies in Arab Spring countries for torture and oppression, and urges their governments to reform the security agencies in these countries, retraining their staff on how to treat citizens properly and respect their human dignity;***

- 14quinquies.** ***Declares its complete solidarity with the Syrian people and their human ordeal and calls upon the Syrian regime to immediately halt all oppressive operations against civilians and allow medical relief and humanitarian aid teams access to the different besieged areas as well as international inquiry teams to investigate the violations committed against unarmed civilians;***

(Egypt)

Reservation

[...] the parliamentary delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela considers that the spirit, letter and reasoning of this document is not compatible with the principles of the political model of Venezuela, which advocates for participatory and active democracy and, therefore, cannot support the text in question.

(Venezuela)