ENFORCING THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT: THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENT IN SAFEGUARDING CIVILIANS’ LIVES

Amendments to the revised preliminary draft resolution submitted within the statutory deadline by the delegations of Canada, China, Congo, Cuba, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Philippines, Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic and Senator Sonia Escudero of Argentina

TITLE
Amend the title as follows:

Enforcing the responsibility to protect: The role of parliament in safeguarding civilians’ lives

(Indonesia)

PREAMBLE
Preambular paragraph 1
Delete the existing paragraph.

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Replace the existing text of preambular paragraph 1 with the following:

(1) Reaffirming its commitment to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and to international law,

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

(1) Acknowledging that following several global initiatives, the responsibility to protect was recognized at the 2005 World Summit\(^1\) as a necessary and important principle to prevent and protect populations from combat gross mass atrocities, which are genocide, ethnic cleansing, war crimes and crimes against humanity, at the 2005 World Summit\(^2\)

(Canada)

New preambular paragraph 1bis
Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 1 to read as follows:

(1bis) Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome, especially paragraphs 138 and 139,

(Cuba)

\(^1\) 2005 World Summit Outcome (A/RES/60/1).
Preambular paragraph 2
Delete the existing paragraph.

(Indonesia)

Replace the existing text of preambular paragraph 2 with the following:

(2) Recalling the formal debates on the responsibility to protect of the United Nations General Assembly and the diversity of views expressed by all Member States on the matter,

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

(2) Recalling that this principle was established with a view to preventing genocides such as those that occurred in Srebrenica and Rwanda, the 2005 World Summit Outcome, in particular paragraphs 138, 139 and 140,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Preambular paragraph 3
Delete the existing paragraph.

(Cuba and Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

(3) Also recalling that the UN Security Council considers that the international crimes of genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity constitute threats to international peace and security, and that the principle of the responsibility to protect was reaffirmed by the UN Security Council, including in resolution 1674 (2006), which addressed the protection of civilians in situations of armed conflict; and that the Security Council authorized collective action to halt violence and protect civilians under the threat of attack in resolutions 1970 and 1973 (2011), which pertained to the situation in Libya,

(Senator Sonia Escudero of Argentina)

Amend to read as follows:

(3) Also recalling that the UN Security Council considers that the international crimes of genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity constitute threats to international peace and security, that the principle of the responsibility to protect was reaffirmed by the UN Security Council, including in resolution 1674 (2006), which addressed the protection of civilians in situations of armed conflict; and that the Security Council authorized collective action to halt violence and protect civilians under the threat of attack in resolutions 1970 and 1973 (2011), which pertained to the situation in Libya,

(Indonesia)

Amend to read as follows:

(3) Also recalling that the UN Security Council notes considers that the international crimes of genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity may constitute threats to international peace and security, that the principle of the responsibility to protect was reaffirmed by the UN Security Council, including in resolution 1674 (2006), which addressed the protection of civilians in situations of armed conflict; and that the Security Council authorized collective action to halt violence and protect civilians under the
threat of attack while excluding a foreign occupation force of any form in resolutions 1970 and 1973 (2011), which pertained to the situation in Libya.

(China)

Amend to read as follows:

(3) Also recalling that the UN Security Council has noted that the international crimes of genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity may constitute threats to international peace and security, that the principle of the responsibility to protect was reaffirmed by the UN Security Council, including in resolution 1674 (2006), which addressed the protection of civilians in situations of armed conflict; and that the Security Council authorized collective action to halt violence and protect civilians under the threat of attack in resolutions 1970 and 1973 (2011), which pertained to the situation in Libya,

(Canada)

New preambular paragraph 3bis

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

(3bis) Affirming that terrorism in all its forms and aspects constitutes one of the greatest threats to international peace and security, that every terrorist act is an unjustifiable criminal act irrespective of its motivation, and that terrorism is a crime against humanity and a war crime which the international community must oppose and take all appropriate and necessary measures to prevent, prosecute those who commit and finance them, those who give safe haven to and incite persons to commit such acts, as well as those who fail to do the needful to prevent the commission of such crimes,

(Syrian Arab Republic)

Preambular paragraph 4

Delete the existing paragraph.

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

(4) Stressing that any decision related to enforcing the notion of the responsibility to protect must be taken at the right time and without delay, and that such a move must be accompanied by the provision of adequate means to protect civilians in full accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

(4) Stressing that any decision related to enforcing the responsibility to protect must be taken at the right time and without delay, and that such a move must be accompanied by the provision of adequate means to protect civilians by giving priority to peaceful means,

(Indonesia)

Amend to read as follows:

(4) Stressing that any decision related to the application of enforcing the responsibility to protect must be taken in a timely and decisive manner at the right time and without delay, and that any such action a move must be accompanied by the provision of adequate means to protect civilians,

(Canada)
Move preambular paragraph 4 after paragraph 5.  

Preambular paragraph 5
Delete the existing paragraph.  

Amend to read as follows:

(5) **Reaffirming** Mindful of the fact that the responsibility to protect is based on three pillars: the permanent responsibility of each individual State to protect its population, whether nationals or not, from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity, and from incitement to such crimes; the international community’s commitment to assist and help to build the capacity of States to fulfil this obligation; and its commitment to take collective action in a timely and decisive manner when national authorities manifestly fail to protect their populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity,  

(India)  

Amend to read as follows:

(5) Mindful of the fact that the responsibility to protect is based on three pillars: the permanent responsibility of each individual State to protect its population, whether nationals or not, from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity, and from incitement to such crimes which entails the prevention of such crimes, including their incitement, through appropriate and necessary means; the international community’s commitment to assist and help to build the capacity of States to fulfil this obligation; and its commitment to take collective action in a timely and decisive manner when national authorities manifestly fail to protect their populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity,  

(Indonesia)  

New preambular paragraph 5bis
Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 5 to read as follows:

(5bis) **Referring to Security Council resolutions and all other resolutions condemning terrorism and those who finance it,**  

(Syrian Arab Republic)  

Preambular paragraph 6
Delete the existing paragraph.  

Amend to read as follows:

(6) **Underscoring** the importance of combating impunity in the case of perpetrators of the most serious crimes and recognizing the contribution in this field of the International Criminal Court (ICC), also underscoring the need to raise awareness through the media of the role played by the ICC, encourage reporting of and filing complaints against the perpetrators of such crimes and providing support to all persons involved in providing the necessary evidence and sufficient information to the ICC,  

(India, Indonesia)
Amend to read as follows:

(6) Underscoring the importance of combating impunity in the case of perpetrators of the most serious crimes and recognizing the contribution in this field of the International Criminal Court (ICC), also underscoring the need to raise awareness through the media of the role played by the ICC, encourage reporting of and filing complaints against the perpetrators of such crimes and providing support to all persons involved in providing the necessary evidence and sufficient information to the ICC, which should remain impartial and completely independent of the political organs of the United Nations, while the latter should refrain from instructing or impeding the functions of the ICC; and stressing that the Security Council’s responsibilities under the UN Charter cannot limit the role of the Court as a judicial body;

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

(6) Underscoring the importance of combating impunity in the case of perpetrators and instigators of the most serious crimes of concern to the international community and recognizing the contribution in this field of the International Criminal Court (ICC), also underscoring the need to raise awareness through the media of the role played by the ICC, to encourage reporting of and filing of complaints against the perpetrators of such crimes with appropriate national judicial authorities and the ICC, and to enhance the capacity of national authorities to respond to complaints, pursue justice, and cooperate and coordinate with the ICC, and providing support to all while recognizing the important contribution of those persons involved in providing the necessary evidence and sufficient information to the ICC,

(Canada)

New preambular paragraph 6bis

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

(6bis) Expressing concern about the abuse of certain provisions of the Rome Statute by the Security Council, including its practice of selectively limiting the jurisdiction of the ICC when referring matters to it, and noting that this practice amounts to an abuse of the powers of the Security Council to refer matters to the ICC,

(Cuba)

Preambular paragraph 7

Delete the existing paragraph.

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Replace the existing text of preambular paragraph 7 with the following:

(7) Considering that the international community, through the United Nations, also has a responsibility to use appropriate diplomatic, humanitarian and other peaceful means, in accordance with Chapters VI and VII of the UN Charter, to help protect populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity; in this context, expressing our willingness to take collective action, in a timely and decisive manner, through the Security Council, in accordance with the Charter, including Chapter VII, on a case-by-case basis and in cooperation with relevant regional organizations as appropriate, should peaceful means be inadequate and national authorities manifestly fail to protect their populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity; stressing the need for the UN General Assembly to pursue its consideration of the responsibility to protect populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes
against humanity and its implications, bearing in mind the principles of the Charter and international law; and undertaking, as necessary and appropriate, to help States build their capacity to protect their populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity and to assist those in distress before crises and conflicts break out,

(China)

Replace the existing text of preambular paragraph 7 with the following:

(7) Reaffirming that the relevant provisions of the UN Charter are sufficient to address the full range of threats to international peace and security, also reaffirming the authority of the UN Security Council to authorize coercive action to maintain and restore international peace and security, and stressing the importance of acting in accordance with and in full respect of the purposes and principles of the Charter,

(Cuba)

Move preambular paragraph 7 after paragraph 8 and amend to read as follows:

(7) Convinced that the international community United Nations has a responsibility to intervene help protect populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, and equally convinced that the international community, through the United Nations Security Council in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, must be prepared to take collective action in a timely and decisive manner to protect populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity, on a case-by-case basis, where national authorities are manifestly failing to protect their populations from such crimes, in particular by taking measures under Chapter VII, and by cooperating where necessary with the competent regional organizations in cases of genocide, ethnic cleansing, war crimes and crimes against humanity which the national authorities will not or cannot prevent,

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

(7) Convinced that the United Nations has a responsibility to intervene through the Security Council in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, in particular Chapter VII, by cooperating where necessary with the competent regional organizations in cases of genocide, ethnic cleansing, war crimes and crimes against humanity which the national authorities will not or cannot prevent, and to avoid selective enforcement,

(Indonesia)

Move preambular paragraph 7 after paragraph 10.

(India)

New paragraph 7bis

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

(7bis) Stressing the need for the United Nations General Assembly to pursue its consideration of the responsibility to protect populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity and its implications, bearing in mind the principles of the United Nations Charter and international law,
Preambular paragraph 8
Delete the existing paragraph.

(Indonesia)

Amend to read as follows:

(8) Aware of the concerns raised regarding the possibility of selective enforcement of the responsibility to protect and underscoring that the need to protect should not be seen as providing a pretext for interference in the internal affairs of a State based on political and other extraneous considerations noting the many contributions of various States,

(India)

Amend to read as follows:

(8) Mindful of the differing views of Member States regarding the notion of the responsibility to protect, aware of the perception of selective enforcement of the responsibility to protect and noting the many contributions of various States,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

(8) Aware of the perception of selective enforcement of the responsibility to protect and noting the many contributions of various States, that there is no international consensus among all Member States of the United Nations on this matter,

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

(8) Aware of the perception in some quarters of the selective application of the responsibility to protect, while and noting the many contributions of various States,

(Canada)

New preambular paragraph 8bis
Add a new paragraph after paragraph 8 to read as follows:

(8bis) Reaffirming that the UN Security Council has primary responsibility in the maintenance of international peace and security and noting the role of the General Assembly relating to the maintenance of international peace and security in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter,

(Cuba)

Preambular paragraph 9
Delete the existing paragraph.

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

(9) Mindful of the fact that prevention is a core aspect of the responsibility to protect and that before any military intervention is authorized by the Security Council, the international community should give due consideration to all other avenues for action under Chapters VI, VII and VIII of the Charter of the United Nations; also mindful that the responsibility to protect...
should be invoked only in order to prevent or to protect populations from the notion concerns exclusively genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:
(9) Mindful of the fact that prevention is a core aspect of the responsibility to protect and that before any military intervention is authorized by the Security Council, the international community should give due consideration to all other avenues for action under Chapters VI, VII and VIII of the Charter of the United Nations; also mindful that the responsibility to protect should be invoked only in order to prevent or to protect populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity,

(Indonesia)

Amend to read as follows:
(9) Mindful of the fact that prevention is a core aspect of the responsibility to protect and that before any military intervention is authorized by the Security Council, the international community should give due consideration to all other avenues for action under Chapters VI, VII and VIII of the Charter of the United Nations; also mindful that the responsibility to protect should be invoked only in order to prevent or to protect populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity,

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:
(9) Mindful of the fact that prevention is a core fundamental aspect of each of the three pillars of the responsibility to protect and that before any military intervention is authorized by the Security Council, the international community should give due consideration to all other diplomatic, political, economic and legal avenues for action under Chapters VI, VII and VIII of the Charter of the United Nations; also mindful that the responsibility to protect should be invoked only in order to prevent or to protect populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity,

(Switzerland)

Amend to read as follows:
(9) Mindful of the fact that prevention is a core aspect of the responsibility to protect and that before any military intervention is authorized by the Security Council, the international community should give due consideration to all other avenues for action under Chapters VI, VII and VIII of the Charter of the United Nations, evaluating in particular the consequences of these measures on populations; also mindful that the responsibility to protect should be invoked only in order to prevent or to protect populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity,

(Senator Sonia Escudero of Argentina)

Preambular paragraph 10

Amend to read as follows:
(10) Reaffirming the principle of the sovereign equality of all States, enshrined in Article 2 of the Charter of the United Nations, and underscoring that the responsibility to protect is premised both on State sovereignty and the State’s pre-existing and permanent legal obligations,

(Cuba)
Amend to read as follows:

(10) Reaffirming the principle of the sovereign equality of all States, enshrined in Article 2 of the Charter of the United Nations, and underscoring that the responsibility to protect is premised both on State sovereignty and the State’s pre-existing and permanent legal obligations must be interpreted in line with the principles of the Charter.

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Move preambular paragraph 10 after paragraph 6.

(Canada)

Preambular paragraph 11

Delete the existing paragraph.

(Canada and Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

(11) Firmly believing that in such cases military intervention should be a last resort and should be sanctioned by the UN Security Council, and that such intervention should be proportionate and, as an immediate consequence, should ensure full respect for all human rights for all, in particular the right to life have a reasonable chance of success,

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

(11) Firmly believing that in such cases military intervention should be a last resort and should be sanctioned by the UN Security Council, and that such intervention should be anchored in the framework of the United Nations to ensure that it is proportionate and neutral have a reasonable chance of success,

(India)

Amend to read as follows:

(11) Firmly believing that in such cases military intervention should be a last resort and should be sanctioned by the UN Security Council, and that such intervention should be based on undisputed evidence proportionate and have a reasonable chance of success,

(Indonesia)

Amend to read as follows:

(11) Firmly believing that in such cases military intervention should be a last resort and should be sanctioned by the UN Security Council, and that such intervention should be proportionate, respect the requirements of the protection of civilians and have a reasonable chance of success,

(Switzerland)

Amend to read as follows:

(11) Firmly believing that in such cases military intervention should be a last resort and should be sanctioned by the UN Security Council, and that such intervention should be legitimate, proportionate and have a reasonable chance of success,

(Senator Sonia Escudero of Argentina)
Amend to read as follows:

(11) Firmly believing that in such cases military intervention should be a last resort and should be **authorized** sanctioned by the UN Security Council, and that such intervention should be proportionate and have a reasonable chance of success,

(China)

Preambular paragraph 12

Delete the existing paragraph.

(Cuba and Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

(12) Convinced that parliaments around the world should consider ways and means to apply and implement the responsibility to protect in a timely, consistent and effective manner to avoid a situation where the international community is deadlocked over whether and how to act to prevent or to stop the massacre of civilians, for instance in the Syrian conflict, **having particular regard to UN Security Council resolutions on women, peace and security and children and armed conflict**, (Senator Sonia Escudero of Argentina)

Amend to read as follows:

(12) Convinced that parliaments around the world should consider ways and means to apply and implement the responsibility to protect in a timely, consistent and effective manner to avoid a situation where the international community is deadlocked over whether and how to act to prevent or to stop the massacre of civilians, for instance in the Syrian conflict, **having particular regard to UN Security Council resolutions on women, peace and security and children and armed conflict**, (China, India, Indonesia)

Move preambular paragraph 12 after paragraph 13.

(Canada)

Preambular paragraph 13

Delete the existing paragraph.

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Move preambular paragraph 13 after paragraph 11 and amend to read as follows:

(13) Recalling that the 126th IPU Assembly (Kampala, March–April 2012) adopted a resolution by consensus calling for the immediate cessation of violence and human rights violations and abuses in the Syrian Arab Republic and for support for the efforts of international and regional organizations to bring about a peaceful end to the crisis, and urging the United Nations and parliaments to redouble **their** efforts to help bring an end to armed violence in the country and address the current humanitarian crisis, to **provide all necessary humanitarian assistance to all persons in Syria affected by the violence and to participate in making immediate preparations for extending such assistance, including in neighbouring countries, and to work urgently to address all aspects related to the problem of displaced Syrians on the border with neighbouring countries**, (Canada)
Amend to read as follows:

(13) Recalling that the 126th IPU Assembly (Kampala, March-April 2012) adopted a resolution by consensus calling for the immediate cessation of violence and human rights violations and abuses in the Syrian Arab Republic and for support for the efforts of international and regional organizations to bring about a peaceful end to the crisis, and urging the United Nations to redouble its efforts, **including through cooperation with regional forces**, to help bring an end to armed violence in the country and address the current humanitarian crisis, and to work urgently to address all aspects related to the problem of displaced Syrians on the border with neighbouring countries,

(Indonesia)

New preambular paragraph 13bis

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

13bis Expressing its concern over the suicide operations and terrorist crimes committed in Syria, for which Jabhat al-Nusra claims responsibility,

(Syrian Arab Republic)

Preambular paragraph 14

Delete the existing paragraph.

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

(14) Convinced that parliaments should be more involved in enforcing analysing the notion of the responsibility to protect and that their role in safeguarding citizens' lives entails giving serious consideration to how they can prevent or stop genocide, ethnic cleansing, war crimes and crimes against humanity,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Move preambular paragraph 14 after paragraph 12 and amend to read as follows:

(14) Convinced that parliaments should be more involved in applying enforcing the responsibility to protect and, in particular, that their role in safeguarding the citizens' lives and security of their populations entails giving serious thorough consideration and action to how they can prevent or stop genocide, ethnic cleansing, war crimes and crimes against humanity

(Canada)

New preambular paragraphs 14bis and 14ter

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

(14bis) Also convinced that collaboration between parliament, government, civil society and the judiciary may effectively help to enhance human rights protection,

(14ter) Aware that the restoration or maintenance of peace in regions subjected to insecurity and violence requires considerable financial resources,

(Congo)
Preambular paragraph 15

Amend to read as follows:

(15) Also convinced of the broader need for State authorities and parliaments to address the root causes of armed conflict and mass atrocities, by practising good governance and ensuring accountable public institutions, **the promotion and protection of** human rights protection for all, the rule of law, fair, equal and impartial access to justice, a professional and democratically-accountable security sector, inclusive economic growth and respect for diversity,

(Cuba)

New preambular paragraph 15bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 15 to read as follows:


(Sweden)

New preambular paragraphs 15bis and 15ter

Add two new paragraphs after preambular paragraph 15 to read as follows:

(15bis) Taking into account UN Security Council resolutions on women, peace and security, including resolutions 1325 (2000), 1820 (2008), 1888 (2009) and 1960 (2010), which represent a critical framework for improving the situation of women in conflict-affected countries,

(15ter) Also taking into account that any collective action must be decided with the broadest legitimacy, which is only possible when the decision-making process if is effectively democratic and representative, and that under this requirement the international community must undertake to reform the UN decision-making process,

(Senator Sonia Escudero of Argentina)

OPERATIVE PART

Operative paragraph 1

Delete the existing paragraph.

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Replace the existing text of operative paragraph 1 by the following:

1. **Reaffirms that each individual State has a responsibility to protect its populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity, which entails the prevention of such crimes, including their incitement, through appropriate and necessary means, and also reaffirms that the international community should, as appropriate, encourage and help States to discharge this responsibility;**

(Cuba)
Amend to read as follows:

1. Stresses that the role of parliament in the application of the responsibility to protect should be based on respect for the separation of powers and different roles of parliament and of the executive and that oversight of the executive should be in line with democratic principles, in particular the protection and promotion of human rights, while noting and also stresses that parliaments have their own tools and committees to address issues related to the responsibility to protect; deal with these issues;

(Canada)

New operative paragraph 1bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 1 to read as follows:

1bis. Calls on parliamentarians to utilize all public education and awareness-raising tools at their disposal to help prevent and stop genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity, and to work to address issues related to the root causes of armed conflict;

(Canada)

New operative paragraphs 1bis and 1ter

Add two new paragraphs after operative paragraph 1 to read as follows:

1bis. Notes that the international community, through the United Nations, also has a responsibility to use appropriate diplomatic, humanitarian and other peaceful means, in accordance with Chapters VI and VIII of the Charter, to help protect populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity;

1ter. Stresses that collective action should be applied in a timely and decisive manner, through the Security Council, in accordance with the UN Charter, including Chapter VII, on a case-by-case basis and in cooperation with relevant regional organizations as appropriate, should peaceful means be inadequate and national authorities manifestly fail to protect their populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity;

(Cuba)

Operative paragraph 2

Amend to read as follows:

2. Urges parliaments to ensure that their governments protect their populations, whether nationals or not, from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing, and crimes against humanity, and also urges parliaments and governments to assist and build the capacity of States to prevent and protect their populations, whether nationals or not, from genocide, ethnic cleansing, war crimes, and crimes against humanity and, where necessary, to engage in timely and decisive action, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, to prevent or stop such crimes;

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

2. Urges parliaments to ensure that their governments protect their populations, whether nationals or not, from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity,
and also urges parliaments and governments to assist and build the capacity of States to prevent the commission of, and protect their populations, whether nationals or not, from genocide, ethnic cleansing, war crimes, and crimes against humanity and, where necessary, to engage in timely and decisive action, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, to prevent or stop such crimes;

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

2. Urges parliaments to ensure that their governments protect their populations, whether nationals or not, from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing, and crimes against humanity, and also urges parliaments and governments to assist and build the capacity of States to prevent and protect their populations, whether nationals or not, from genocide, ethnic cleansing, war crimes, and crimes against humanity and, where necessary, to engage in timely and decisive action, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, to prevent or stop such crimes;

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

New operative paragraph 2bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 2 to read as follows:

2bis Calls on parliaments to intensify their oversight of government action to combat terrorism and implement UN Security Council resolutions adopted under Chapter VII, which call on States to refrain from financing terrorists, facilitating their movement and aiding terrorism,

(Syrian Arab Republic)

Operative paragraph 3

Amend to read as follows:

3. Encourages parliaments to become acquainted with their States' obligations under international treaties and resolutions, and to monitor the executive's submission of country reports as required by the relevant treaty bodies, particularly those relating to human rights, and to become more involved with regional and international human rights mechanisms;

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

3. Encourages parliaments to become acquainted with their States' obligations under international treaties and resolutions, and to monitor the executive's submission of country reports as required by the relevant treaty bodies, particularly those relating to human rights, and to become more involved with regional and international human rights mechanisms and to ensure that all United Nations doctrines and resolutions regarding the responsibility to protect are fully applied and respected by every country;

(Spain)

Operative paragraph 4

Amend to read as follows:

3. Calls on parliaments where necessary to ensure that all international treaties and conventions to which their country is party are incorporated into national law,
giving priority to treaties and conventions dealing with human rights and the protection of civilians, especially those applicable to the rights and protection of women and children during and after armed conflicts and other crises;  

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

4. Calls on parliaments where necessary to ensure that all international treaties and conventions to which their country is party are implemented by or incorporated into national law, giving priority to treaties and conventions dealing with the protection of civilians, especially women and children;

(China)

Amend to read as follows:

4. Calls on parliaments where necessary to ensure that all international treaties and conventions to which their country is party are incorporated into national law, giving priority to treaties and conventions dealing with the protection of civilians, especially women and children, and in particular the provisions of UN Security Council resolution 1674 (2006);  

(Spain)

New operative paragraph 4bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 4 to read as follows:

4bis. Urges all parliaments to adopt measures to respect the right of civilians caught up in armed conflicts, ensure adequate and effective judicial remedies, including efficient investigation and prosecution, treat women and child victims with dignity, and guarantee comprehensive reparation to victims;  

(Philippines)

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 4 to read as follows:

4bis. Encourages parliaments to adopt programmes to help reintegrate child soldiers into a normal life,  

(Spain)

Operative paragraph 5

Amend to read as follows:

5. Also calls on parliaments to take all the necessary legislative measures to bring their country’s criminal and military law in line with international norms and standards of good governance, the rule of law and human rights, as well as international humanitarian law, in particular the international treaties to which their country is party on the protection of civilians in armed conflict and to ensure that the perpetrators of the most serious crimes are held to account for their acts before a national court or, where a State is unwilling or genuinely unable to action, the International Criminal Court;  

(Indonesia)

Amend to read as follows:

5. Also calls on parliaments to take all the necessary legislative measures to bring their country’s criminal and military law in line with international norms on the protection of
civilians in armed conflict, and in particular to ensure that the perpetrators of the most serious crimes of concern to the international community as a whole are held to account for their acts before a national court or, where a State is unwilling genuinely to act, the International Criminal Court;

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

5. Also calls on Invites parliaments to take all the necessary legislative measures to bring their country’s criminal and military law in line with international norms on the protection of civilians in armed conflict and to ensure that the perpetrators of the most serious crimes are held to account for their acts before a national court or, where a State is unwilling or genuinely unable to action, the International Criminal Court;

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

5. Also calls on parliaments to take all the necessary legislative measures to bring their country’s criminal and military law in line with international norms on the protection of civilians in armed conflict and to ensure that the perpetrators of the most serious crimes are held to account for their acts before a national court or, where a State is unwilling or genuinely unable to action, the International Criminal Court;

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

5. Also calls on parliaments to take all the necessary legislative measures to bring their country’s criminal and military law in line with international norms on the protection of civilians in armed conflict and to ensure that the perpetrators of the most serious crimes are held to account for their acts before a national court or, where a State is unwilling or genuinely unable to action, the International Criminal Court;

(China)

Amend to read as follows:

5. Also calls on parliaments to take all the necessary legislative measures to bring their country’s criminal and military law in line with international norms on the protection of civilians in armed conflict and to ensure that the perpetrators of the most serious crimes are held to account for their acts before a national court or, where a State is unwilling or genuinely unable to action, the International Criminal Court in the case of States Parties to the Rome Statute;

(India)

New operative paragraphs 5bis, 5ter, 5quater and 5quinquies

Add four new paragraphs after operative paragraph 5 to read as follows:

5bis. Calls on all parliaments that have not already done so to ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court;

5ter. Requests countries that have not yet done so to consider ratifying the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, which recognizes the competence of the Court with regard to crimes of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes;
5quater. Urges all parliaments to conclude cooperation agreements with other States with a view to the extradition of war criminals seeking safe haven in their territories;

5quinquies. Also urges parliaments to promote debate on an Arms Trade Treaty in order to put an end to the transfer of weapons in cases where there is a high risk that such weapons will be used to commit or facilitate violations of human rights, international humanitarian law or to hinder the fight against poverty; (Spain)

New operative paragraphs 5bis and 5ter

Add 2 new paragraphs after operative paragraph 5 to read as follows:

5bis. Calls on parliaments to ensure that their governments ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court;

5ter. Urges parliamentarians to use their international network to ensure universal ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court; (Sweden)

New operative paragraphs 5bis

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

5bis. Urges parliaments to ensure accession to the Rome Statute; (Senator Sonia Escudero of Argentina)

New operative paragraph 6bis

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

6bis. Reiterates its confidence in parliamentary diplomacy, specially, over the responsibility to protect, also calls on the constitution of special parliamentary committees in countries for which collective action is decided; (Senator Sonia Escudero of Argentina)

Operative paragraph 7

Amend to read as follows:

7. Encourages parliaments to ensure that the protection of human rights, including those of members of minorities and indigenous peoples, is guaranteed not only in national law and, but also implemented in practice; (Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

7. Encourages parliaments to ensure that the protection of human rights, including those of women and children, members of minorities and indigenous peoples, is guaranteed not only in national law, but also in practice; (Sweden)
New operative paragraph 7bis

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

7bis. Urges parliaments and governments to guarantee the human rights of women and further enhance their role in peace and security initiatives, honour existing international commitments to protect women’s rights and incorporate women’s leadership in preventing and stopping mass atrocity crimes;

(Philippines)

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

7bis. Stresses that regarding the responsibility to protect, parliament should pay special attention to the human rights of women and children in crisis areas, as it is often they who suffer the most, with their misery often overlooked and resulting in far-reaching human, social and economic consequences;

(Sweden)

Operative paragraph 8

Delete the existing paragraph.

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

8. Calls on parliaments to encourage their governments to support the creation and effective functioning of early warning systems at the national, regional and international levels in order to facilitate and enhance faster and more effective responses to unfolding internal conflict situations genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity;

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

8. Calls on parliaments to encourage their governments to support the creation and effective functioning of early warning systems at the national, regional and international levels in order to facilitate and enhance faster and more effective responses to unfolding internal conflict situations;

(Indonesia)

Amend to read as follows:

8. Calls on parliaments to encourage their governments to support the creation and effective functioning of early warning systems at the national, regional and international levels in order to facilitate and enhance faster and more effective responses to unfolding situations of armed conflict, as well as internal disturbances and tensions internal conflict situations;

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

8. Calls on parliaments to encourage their governments to support the creation and effective functioning of early warning systems and decision-making and response mechanisms at the national, regional and international levels in order to facilitate and enhance faster and more effective responses to unfolding internal and external conflict situations;

(Switzerland)
New operative paragraph 8bis

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

8bis. Invites parliaments to actively bring to the attention of the government risk situations for civilian populations by ensuring that the government discharges its responsibility of follow-up and prevention;

(Switzerland)

Operative paragraph 9

Amend to read as follows:

9. Calls for efforts to promote the media’s role in documenting, preventing, and raising awareness about the commission of mass atrocities **genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity** by guaranteeing freedom of expression; ensuring that freedom of the media is protected by the national constitution and law; demanding that all parties abide by their international obligations related to the protection and safety of journalists, media professionals and associated personnel; encouraging accurate journalism that respects the human rights of all populations; speaking out against incitement to hatred, which fosters discrimination, hostility or violence; and, where appropriate, legislating against such incitement;

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

9. Calls for efforts to promote the media’s role in documenting, preventing, and raising awareness about the commission of mass atrocities by guaranteeing freedom of expression; ensuring that freedom of the media is protected by the national constitution and law; demanding that all parties abide by their international obligations related to the protection and safety of journalists, media professionals and associated personnel; encouraging accurate journalism that respects the human rights of all populations; speaking out against **advocacy of incitement to hatred that constitutes incitement to**, which fosters discrimination, hostility or violence; and, where appropriate, legislating against such **advocacy incitement**;

(Canada)

New operative paragraph 9bis

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

9bis. Calls for an immediate end to the misuse of the media for inciting and launching campaigns against developing countries, including through the hostile use of radio and electronic transmissions contrary to the principles of international law, as well as the dissemination of discriminatory and distorted information on events in developing countries and campaigns that defame religions, cultures and symbols;

(Cuba)

Operative paragraph 10

Delete the existing paragraph.

(Indonesia)
Amend to read as follows:

10. Stresses that post-conflict situations in the context of mass atrocities usually require sustained international peacebuilding assistance and that parliaments should be committed to overseeing their government’s request for action to this end and should allocate the necessary funds to assist with the reconstruction of the countries emerging from crisis or conflict and contribute to the UN peacebuilding fund as appropriate; (Cuba)

New operative paragraph 10bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 10 to read as follows:

10bis. Requests parliaments to include in State budgets funds for the organization of operations to protect and ensure the safety of populations in cases of violence or major natural disasters; (Congo)

Operative paragraph 11

Delete the paragraph. (Cuba and Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

11. Urges the IPU to facilitate an exchange of good practices in the areas of parliamentary oversight of enforcement of the responsibility to protect and parliamentary involvement in the protection of civilians and, given the expanding discussions on the scope of the responsibility to protect, to work towards increasing discussions on crimes against humanity committed across the world with relevant countries and parliaments in the region and the United Nations to investigate the truth behind such cases and seek parliamentary-level solutions; (Republic of Korea)

Amend to read as follows:

11. Urges the IPU to facilitate an exchange of good practices in the areas of parliamentary oversight of the application of enforcement of the responsibility to protect and parliamentary involvement in the protection of civilians in situations of armed conflict and in the protection of populations from genocide, ethnic cleansing, war crimes and crimes against humanity; (Canada)

New operative paragraph 11bis

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

11bis. Also urges parliaments to be attentive to and scrutinize the reports of human rights organizations and the manner in which governments implement human rights; (Congo)

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

11bis. Calls on parliaments to mainstream a gender perspective into legislation to reflect the special needs of women, girls and children during repatriation, resettlement, rehabilitation, reintegration and post-conflict reconstruction; (Philippines)
Operative paragraph 12
Amend to read as follows:

12. Calls on parliaments to promote all facets of good governance based on the positive correlation between good governance and the advancement of peace and security;  

(Cuba)

Operative paragraph 13
Delete the existing paragraph.  

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

13. Also calls on parliaments to monitor closely UN Security Council proceedings in order to promote increased transparency in the adoption and implementation of Security Council resolutions, request their governments to make the case at the Security Council for the need to act responsibly when resorting to coercive measures and to ensure that resolutions adopted are enforced in their entirety and in a transparent manner;  

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

13. Also calls on parliaments to monitor closely UN Security Council proceedings, request their governments to make the case at the Security Council for the need to act responsibly when resorting to coercive measures and to ensure that resolutions adopted are enforced in their entirety and in a transparent manner;  

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

13. Also calls on parliaments to monitor closely UN Security Council proceedings, request their governments to make the case at the Security Council for the need to act responsibly when resorting to coercive measures and to ensure that resolutions adopted are enforced in their entirety and in a transparent manner;  

(China)

Operative paragraph 14
Amend to read as follows:

14. Urges all parliaments to defend and promote human rights and democracy everywhere in their respective countries.  

(Cuba)

Amend to read as follows:

14. Urges all parliaments to defend and promote human rights, the rule of law and democracy everywhere.  

(Islamic Republic of Iran)
New operative paragraph 14bis

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

14bis. Encourages parliaments to work together with civil society and the judiciary on issues of peace and security in order to better guarantee and improve the human rights of citizens.

(Congo)

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

14bis. Calls on governments and parliaments to assume responsibility for protecting the human rights of refugees and their right to international protection, and also calls on parliaments and governments to fulfil their obligations to protect refugees and asylum-seekers.

(Sweden)

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

14bis. Calls on parliaments to make special efforts to increase women’s participation in peace processes in keeping with UN Security Council resolutions and reports of the UN Secretary-General.

(Senator Sonia Escudero of Argentina)