



**CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS FOR THE
INCLUSION OF AN EMERGENCY ITEM IN THE ASSEMBLY AGENDA**

**Request for the inclusion of an emergency item
in the agenda of the 129th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union
submitted by the delegation of Kenya**

On 6 October 2013, the President of the IPU received from the Speaker of the Senate of Kenya a request for the inclusion in the agenda of the 129th Assembly of an emergency item entitled:

"Condemnation of the terrorist attack on Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya,
on 21 September 2013".

Delegates to the 129th Assembly will find attached the text of the communication submitting the request (Annex I), as well as an explanatory memorandum (Annex II) and a draft resolution (Annex III) in support thereof.

The 129th Assembly will be required to take a decision on the request of the delegation of Kenya on Monday, 7 October 2013.

Under the terms of Assembly Rule 11.1, any Member of the IPU may request the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda. Such a request must be accompanied by a brief explanatory memorandum and a draft resolution which clearly define the scope of the subject covered by the request. The Secretariat shall communicate the request and any such documents immediately to all Members.

Furthermore, Assembly Rule 11.2 stipulates that:

- (a) A request for the inclusion of an emergency item must relate to a major event of international concern on which it appears necessary for the IPU to express its opinion. Such a request must receive a two-thirds majority of the votes cast in order to be accepted;
- (b) The Assembly may place only one emergency item on its agenda. Should several requests obtain the requisite majority, the one having received the largest number of positive votes shall be accepted;
- (c) The authors of two or more requests for the inclusion of an emergency item may combine their proposals to present a joint one, provided that each of the original proposals relates to the same subject;
- (d) The subject of a proposal that has been withdrawn by its authors or rejected by the Assembly cannot be included in the draft resolution submitted on the emergency item, unless it is clearly referred to in the request and title of the subject adopted by the Assembly.

**COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE IPU BY THE SPEAKER OF
THE SENATE OF KENYA AND LEADER OF THE KENYAN DELEGATION TO THE IPU**

6 October 2013

Dear Mr. President,

In accordance with the relevant rules of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, in particular Assembly Rule No. 11.1, I am honoured to submit a request for the inclusion of an emergency item in the agenda of the 129th IPU Assembly, which will take place in Geneva, Switzerland, from 7 to 9 October 2013, entitled:

"Condemnation of the terrorist attack on Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya,
on 21 September 2013".

Please find attached an explanatory note and draft resolution on the item.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurance of my highest consideration

(Signed)

Senator Ekwee ETHURO, MP
Speaker of the Senate
Leader of the Kenyan delegation to the IPU

**CONDEMNATION OF THE TERRORIST ATTACK ON WESTGATE MALL
IN NAIROBI, KENYA, ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2013**

Explanatory memorandum submitted by the delegation of Kenya

The parliamentary delegation of the Republic of Kenya to the Inter-Parliamentary Union wishes to propose the inclusion of an emergency item in the agenda of the 129th IPU Assembly entitled "Condemnation of the terrorist attack on Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya, on 21 September 2013" for the reasons set forth below.

For over 15 years now, Kenya has been witnessing a disturbing rise in acts of terrorism and continued threats from terrorist groups. The international community has memories of the many tragic terrorist bombings in Nairobi since 1998 and most recently on 21 September 2013, when 67 lives were lost and 175 persons left injured.

These terrorist attacks have also occurred in other countries in the East Africa region, including Uganda and Tanzania, where innocent lives have been lost.

The Al-Shabaab terrorist group operating in Somalia has claimed responsibility to the recent attack in Nairobi and remain a threat to Kenya and the region at large.

The parliamentary delegation of the Republic of Kenya would like the IPU to join in the efforts of the United Nations and other countries in condemning the recent heinous acts by the terrorists and calls on the United Nations and other international organizations to assist Kenya and other countries in the East Africa region in their continued efforts to prevent and counter any acts of terrorism in the Horn of Africa.

**CONDEMNATION OF THE TERRORIST ATTACK ON WESTGATE MALL
IN NAIROBI, KENYA, ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2013**

Draft resolution submitted by the delegation of KENYA

The 129th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union,

- (1) *Deeply concerned* at the increase in terrorist acts in Kenya and the East Africa region, which continue to threaten the lives of innocent citizens,
- (2) *Cognizant* that all nations have directly or indirectly been affected by acts of terrorism for the last two decades,
- (3) *Alarmed* by the most recent terrorist attack on Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya, where 67 people were killed and more than 175 persons were injured,
- (4) *Considering* that the IPU has been among the first to condemn violent atrocities arising from terrorist attacks,
- (5) *Appreciating* that there is a common commitment and resolve by all nations to fight and counter all forms of terrorism and their response to the terrorist attack on the Westgate Mall,
- (6) *Commending* the role of the Government of the Republic of Kenya in its effort to fight terrorism,
 1. *Resolves* to condemn the terrorist attack on Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya, and *calls* upon the United Nations Security Council to provide technical assistance to the continued efforts by Kenya and other countries to prevent and counter any acts of terrorism in the East Africa region and the Horn of Africa.