Hearing on implementation of the 2008 IPU resolution on
The role of parliaments in striking a balance between
national security, human security and individual
freedoms, and in averting the threat to democracy

13 October 2014 (2.30–5.30 p.m.)
Room 2, level 0, CICG

Concept note

Background: This hearing will be organized on the theme of the resolution adopted at
the 118th IPU Assembly (Cape Town, April 2008). Presentations will be followed by a
debate, during which delegates will be invited to express their views on their individual
and shared experiences. In her capacity as a resource person, Ms. Birgitta Jonsdóttir,
MP (Iceland) will share her views on Privacy in the 21st century and the future of
democracy. The purpose of this debate is not to re-open discussion on the resolution.

Expected achievement and outcome: Specifically, the hearing will aim to discuss
the challenges to implementation of the 2008 IPU resolution and to compile best
practices on the subject and follow-up measures. The focus of the discussion should
revolve essentially around how the matter is tackled and on significant action taken in
order to balance issues of national security with those of individual freedoms in the
framework of the 2008 resolution.

Format: The session will take the form of a hearing between parliamentarians. After
introductory remarks by the panellists, the floor will be open for an exchange of views
and questions and answers.