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For the attention of all
Members of the IPU

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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

I am pleased to inform you that the *Results* of the recently concluded 130th IPU Assembly are now available in print form and will be mailed to your Parliament shortly. The Summary Records will be finalized and posted in the coming weeks on the IPU website at <http://www.ipu.org/conf-e/130agnd.htm>.

I am now writing to invite a contribution from your parliament to the content of the resolution that the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights will adopt at the 131st Assembly (Geneva, 12-16 October 2014).

The title of the resolution is "*International law as it relates to national sovereignty, non-intervention in the internal affairs of States and human rights*". The co-Rapporteurs are Mr. A. Ahmad (United Arab Emirates) and Mr. P. Mahoux (Belgium).

All Members can contribute to the drafting of resolutions by submitting a brief written input (Article 13.1 of the Rules of the Standing Committees). Further guidance on the formulation of the written input is contained in the annex to this letter.

I would like to encourage Members to make use of this possibility. Members' written input will be of invaluable assistance to the co-Rapporteurs as they prepare the draft resolution. It is also an important means to allow Members' diverse views to be incorporated in the draft resolution.

The deadline for written input to the resolution of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights is **15 May 2014**.

For reference, the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security and the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade will not adopt a resolution at the 131st Assembly in October 2014. They will adopt resolutions at the 132nd Assembly, which will take place in Hanoi (Viet Nam) in March/April 2015. An invitation to provide written input to these resolutions will be sent in the coming months, but for now no action is required. The Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs does not adopt resolutions, and as such, is not concerned by this procedure.

Yours sincerely,

Anders B. Johnsson

GUIDELINES FOR PROVIDING WRITTEN INPUT TO RESOLUTIONS

Committee

Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights

Title of the resolution

International law as it relates to national sovereignty, non-intervention in the internal affairs of States and human rights.

Length

Written input should be a maximum of 2 pages in length.

Language

Written input must be given in one of the official languages of the IPU (English and French). Written input in other languages cannot be taken into account.

Content of the written input

The written input should make proposals for the content of the resolution. The IPU Executive Committee has expressed the wish for resolutions to be concise, focused and action-oriented. Members should bear this in mind when making their proposals.

There is no template for the written input. Parliaments can choose how they wish to communicate their proposals. Proposals that are specific and well-defined will generally be easier for the co-Rapporteurs to work with than general, broad ideas.

The proposals could be provided, for example, in the following ways:

- in the form of operative paragraphs, as in a resolution;
- as a narrative, presenting one or more ideas to include in the resolution, but leaving it to the co-Rapporteurs to formulate the text of the resolution;
- as a series of bullet points, containing ideas for the resolution; or
- links to other documents for the co-Rapporteurs to examine.

Deadline

Written input should be submitted to the IPU Secretariat by **15 May 2014**.

Process

The IPU Secretariat will compile the written input received within the deadline and give it to the co-Rapporteurs so that they can take it into account when drafting the resolution.

The draft resolution prepared by the co-Rapporteurs will be circulated to Members in August 2014. Members will be able to submit amendments to the draft resolution up to 29 September.

The Standing Committee will meet to debate, amend and adopt the resolution at the 131st IPU Assembly (Geneva, 12-16 October 2014).