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Interactive debate on *Follow-up on the IPU water governance resolution: Taking it forward*

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Concept note

Background: The IPU Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade currently has on its agenda the subject item *Shaping a new system of water governance: Promoting parliamentary action on water*. At the 132nd IPU Assembly, the Committee will draft a resolution on this subject and submit it to the Assembly for adoption.

Objective: The purpose of this session is to share ideas and make suggestions about how parliamentarians could use the IPU resolution on water governance in their national parliament and with other partners.

Format: Should negotiations of the resolution allow it, the session will take place after the drafting of the resolution over a maximum of two hours. It will take the form of an interactive debate among parliamentarians.

The session will address the following questions:

- What are the relevant structures in parliament, government or civil society that need to be made aware of the IPU resolution? What action can you take to raise their awareness of the IPU resolution?
- After taking part in the debate on water governance at the IPU Assembly, what opportunities do you see for using the IPU resolution to improve water governance in your country? What would be the best strategy to achieve this?
- What action do you think your parliament will take on the IPU resolution?

Expected outcomes: The outcome of the interactive debate will be a compilation of ideas and suggestions for strategies to use the IPU resolution and to improve water governance. These will be shared with all delegates to assist them in following up on the resolution in their countries.

