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Democracy and Human Rights

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Information Note

The subject of the next resolution to be prepared by the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights is *Democracy in the digital era and the threat to privacy and individual freedoms*.

An interactive debate on this subject will be held at the 132nd IPU Assembly in Hanoi on 1 March 2015, as part of the preparatory process.

In addition, all Members can contribute to the draft resolution by submitting a brief written input (Rule 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. This is also an important means of allowing Members' diverse views to be reflected in the draft resolution.

The deadline for written input for the Standing Committee resolution is **15 May 2015**. The draft resolution will be examined at the 133rd IPU Assembly (Cartagena, 31 October – 4 November 2015).

Please note that 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 133rd Assembly. The Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs does not adopt resolutions and is therefore not concerned by this procedure.

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GUIDELINES FOR PROVIDING WRITTEN INPUT TO RESOLUTIONS

Length

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

Language

Written input must be 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 asked that resolutions be concise, focused and action-oriented. Members should bear this in mind when submitting input.

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 and broad ideas.

The written input can be provided, for example:

- 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
- as links to other documents for the co-Rapporteurs to examine.

Deadline

Written input for the draft resolution of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights, *Democracy in the digital era and the threat to privacy and individual freedoms*, should be submitted to the IPU Secretariat by **15 May 2015**.

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 2015. Members will be able to submit amendments to the draft resolution up to 15 October 2015.

The Standing Committee will meet to debate, amend and adopt the resolution at the 133rd Assembly (Cartagena de Indias, 31 October – 4 November 2015).