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Note on the finalization of the draft resolution on *International law as it relates to national sovereignty, non-intervention in the internal affairs of States and human rights*

At the 132nd Assembly, the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights will resume its work on the draft resolution, which began at the 131st Assembly. Normally, the Committee will finalize the resolution during the 132nd Assembly and submit it for the approval of the Assembly.

In order to facilitate the Committee's work, this note describes the expected working method. It is based on the decisions of the Assembly, the Rules of the Standing Committees and the IPU's usual practice.

1. One session of three and a half hours has been allocated for the finalization of the draft resolution. This session will take place on Monday 30 March 2015 from 09.00 – 12.30. For practical reasons, no extension or additional sessions will be possible.
2. As decided by the Assembly at its final sitting on 16 October 2014, the Committee will resume its work on the basis of what was agreed thus far by the Committee. The working documents will be the Revised draft resolution and the Annotated list of amendments considered at the 131st Assembly. Both documents are available at <http://www.ipu.org/conf-e/132agnd.htm>.
3. The Revised draft resolution incorporates all the amendments that were made to the draft resolution at the 131st Assembly. To maintain the coherence of the text, the IPU Secretariat has changed the order of some of the paragraphs. It has also combined certain paragraphs to avoid repetition. These changes are underlined in the text. No changes have been introduced regarding the substance of the draft.
4. The Annotated list of amendments that were considered at the 131st Assembly indicates if the amendment was accepted or rejected, and if this decision was taken by the Committee or by the drafting committee.
5. Pursuant to the Rules of the Standing Committees, the Committee will not reopen the debate on the resolution. It may decide to adopt the Revised draft resolution as it stands. Alternatively, any Member may request that parts of the resolution, or each paragraph, be put to the vote separately (Rule 37). The Committee may decide, for example, to vote on the text paragraph by paragraph.

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6. The Committee may, if it wishes, review decisions on amendments taken by the drafting committee. However, decisions that have already been taken by the full Committee will not be reconsidered. If a Member wishes to reconsider an amendment that was accepted or rejected by the drafting committee, the only speakers to be heard shall be the author of the amendment and a delegate holding a contrary opinion and, only if need be, the co-Rapporteurs (Rule 26). In order to finalize the work within the allocated time, each intervention will be limited to a maximum of one minute. After hearing these views, the President will put the amendment to a vote.
7. Voting will be by show of hands (in practice, by raising the country name plate) (Rule 35). Decisions will be taken by the majority of votes cast (Rule 40).
8. After the Committee has approved the final text of the resolution, delegates will have the opportunity to express reservations or explain their vote (Rule 38).