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Questionnaire on Parliaments and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

In March 2015, the IPU Assembly will be focusing its General Debate on *The Sustainable Development Goals: Turning words into action*. The outcome will build on the IPU's work over the past two years, including the *Quito Communiqué* (March 2013) and the reports of the Annual Parliamentary Hearings at the United Nations in 2013 and 2014.

In preparation for the Hanoi Assembly and as part of the annual reporting exercise by Members, please complete this brief Questionnaire and return it to ny-office@ipu.org or +1 212 557 3954 (fax) no later than **15 February 2015**.

Survey responses will be presented at the Hanoi Assembly and reflected in its final outcome document.

After a year of negotiations at the United Nations, governments will finalize the SDGs and adopt them in September 2015 in New York.

1. Has your parliament been informed of your government's position with respect to the upcoming negotiations for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the United Nations?

YES:	NO:
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2. Over the past six months, has your parliament held a debate (in plenary or in committee) to review your government's position in the negotiations?

YES:	NO:
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3. Does your parliament plan to obtain regular briefings from the government on the developments in the UN negotiations before agreement is reached in the summer of 2015?

YES:	NO:
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4. Does your parliament have a clear sense of who in the executive branch is responsible for representing the government in the UN negotiations?

YES:	NO:
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5. Is your parliament planning to hold hearings with constituents and civil society representatives to gather their views on the UN negotiations?

YES:	NO:
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6. Is your parliament actively promoting the inclusion of a stand-alone goal on democratic governance among the SDGs (as per the Quito Communiqué and the recommendations of the Parliamentary Hearings at the UN)?

YES:	NO:
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7. The UN-led *My World* survey provides insight into citizens views on the SDGs (<http://data.myworld2015.org/>). Is this survey being promoted in your parliament?

YES:	NO:
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8. Which of the following initiatives is your parliament planning to take (or has already taken) to be ready for the implementation of the SDGs starting 1 January 2016?

(Tick all those that apply)

- a. *Reviewing the committee system to mainstream all of the goals into the work of parliament (including the establishment of a caucus or committee on the SDGs)*

YES:	NO:
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- b. *Asking the government for a report on how the global SDGs will apply to your country's specific circumstances*

YES:	NO:
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- c. *Asking the government to support a national information campaign to promote the new goals among citizens*

YES:	NO:
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- d. *Asking the government to include members of parliament in the national delegation to the UN Economic and Social Council, where the SDGs will be reviewed every July*

