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Standing Committee on  
Peace and International Security

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## Draft agenda

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Approval of the summary record of the Committee's session held during the 134<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly in Lusaka (March 2016)**

3. **Elections to the Bureau**

The Committee will fill the existing vacancies on the Bureau, based on proposals from the geopolitical groups.

4. **Expert hearing on *The role of parliament in preventing outside interference in the internal affairs of sovereign States***

Non-interference in the internal affairs of sovereign States is one of the fundamental principles of the Charter of the United Nations. However, it is frequently interpreted in unreliable ways. The Committee wished to place this subject on their agenda with the intention of adopting a resolution on the topic at the 136<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly. To prepare for that, the Committee will hold an expert hearing to share opinions with members about how the concept has evolved and where the challenges and opportunities lie. The development of the concepts of humanitarian intervention and responsibility to protect will be of particular interest. There will also be a discussion about the measures and actions parliaments can plan for in terms of legislation, policy development, evaluation and oversight. The co-Rapporteurs will draw on the hearing and the subsequent debate as they write the first draft of the resolution.

5. **Panel discussion on *Promoting democratic accountability of the private security sector***

The security landscape is changing and new actors are emerging, such as private military and security companies (PMSCs). Their range of services is becoming increasingly diversified while their nature and role often remain unclear. Participants will discuss possible measures that parliaments could take to regulate and oversee the activities of these companies.

6. **Panel discussion on *Comprehensive Disarmament***

The panel discussion will provide the Committee with an opportunity to exchange views about challenges that stand in the way of implementing disarmament in a holistic manner taking into account the broader spectrum of issues. It will address the need to link weapons of mass destruction (WMDs) disarmament and non-proliferation with conventional weapons control strategies. Comprehensive disarmament will also be discussed in the light of stability and security dynamics as well as less traditional aspects such as development and socio-economic needs.

7. **Any other business**