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## Draft agenda

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Approval of the summary record of the Committee's session held at the 135<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly in Geneva (October 2016)**

3. **Preparatory debate on the next resolution of the Standing Committee:**  
*Sharing our diversity: The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Democracy*

The preparatory debate will help the Rapporteurs to draft the resolution, which will be examined at the 137<sup>th</sup> Assembly in October 2017. The resolution will give IPU Members the opportunity to renew their commitment to peace in the world based on democracy, human rights and the rule of law. Questions for consideration might include:

- How will the institutions of democracy – parliament, political parties and elections – change between now and 2030?
- How will parliaments work to increase the numbers of people in society who believe in collaborative, participative, tolerant and transparent processes of decision-making in a changing international environment?
- What should parliaments do in order to reinforce the idea of democratic diversity around the world?

4. **Debate:** *Act now for adolescents: The role of parliamentarians in promoting adolescent health and well-being*

Developments in global health and the Sustainable Development Goals have led to a growing recognition of the importance of focusing on adolescent health and well-being. The debate will examine good practices and the challenges of ensuring that adolescents realize their right to health.

Adolescence is a critical phase for fulfilling physical, cognitive, emotional, social and economic capacities: these are the foundations of the health and well-being of individual adults and society as a whole. Adolescents (those aged 10–19 years) are often seen as the healthiest group of any given population. However, World Health Organization estimates suggest that every year, nearly one million adolescents die from preventable causes. Tens of millions more suffer injuries, and hundreds of millions develop harmful behaviours; these have short- and long-term health and non-health consequences.

5. **Any other business**

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