Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights

Guidelines for providing written input to the resolution

Title of the resolution

*Sharing our diversity: The 20th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Democracy*

Length

Written input should be a maximum of 2 pages.

Language

Input must be submitted in one of the official IPU languages (English and French). Contributions in other languages will not be considered.

Content of the written input

The input should make proposals for the content of the resolution. The IPU Executive Committee favours concise, focused and action-oriented resolutions. Members should bear this in mind when making proposals.

Parliaments may choose how they wish to communicate their proposals: there is no template. Proposals that are specific and well defined will generally be easier for the Rapporteurs to work with than broad, general ideas.

For example, the proposals could be provided:

- As the operative paragraphs of a resolution;
- As a narrative, presenting one or more ideas to include in the resolution, but leaving the Rapporteurs to formulate the text itself;
- As a series of bullet points containing ideas for the resolution; or
- As a list of links to other documents for the Rapporteurs to examine.

Deadline

Written input should be submitted to the IPU Secretariat by 30 April 2017.

Process

The IPU Secretariat will collate the written input received within the deadline and give it to the Rapporteurs. They can then take it into account when drafting the resolution.

The draft resolution that the Rapporteurs prepare will be circulated to Members in August 2017. Members will be able to submit amendments until 30 September.

The Standing Committee will meet to debate, amend and adopt the resolution at the 137th IPU Assembly (St. Petersburg, 14–18 October 2017).