## Violations of the human rights of MPs – 2016

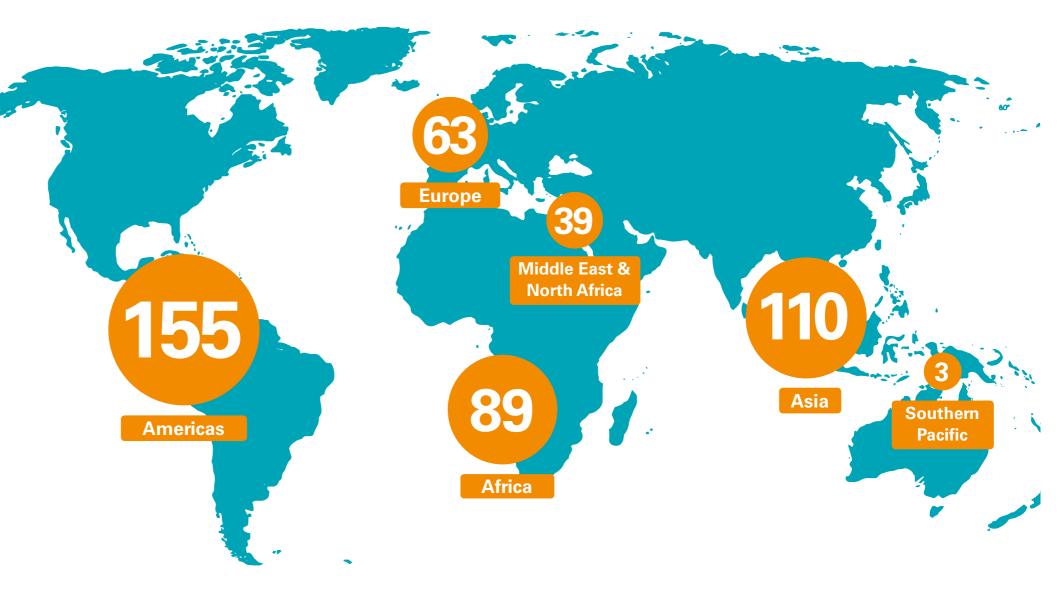
No. of cases currently examined by IPU Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

## Most common violations

**459**<sub>MPs</sub>

in **42** countries

- Lack of fair trial and other unfair proceedings
- 2 Undue suspension and loss of parliamentary mandate
- **3** Violation of freedom of expression
- Arbitrary detention of parliamentary mandate



Opposition party 336 Majority party 112

party 112 Independent/ Others 11 IPU's Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians is a unique source of protection and redress for MPs killed, attacked, intimidated or jailed for their political views or differences.

If MPs cannot do their job safely or without fear, they cannot ensure parliament does its job of protecting the human rights and political freedoms of society as a whole. Without respect for fundamental human rights such as freedom of thought and expression, the right to life, liberty, equality and the right to take part in government-there can be no democracy.

IPU works with parliaments to ensure they deliver on their human rights responsibilities.



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