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# IPU Statement

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**IPU to the United Nations**

**SDG Summit**  
**informal consultation**

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Distinguished Co-Chairs,

The IPU congratulates you on your appointment to this very important process leading to the SDG Summit, which will occur at such a critical juncture.

We thank all member states for approving, in December, a GA resolution (A/RES/77/159) that focused on the role of parliaments in accelerating the achievement of the SDGs. That resolution passed with some 80 co-sponsors just as preparations for this SDG Summit were beginning.

To achieve the SDGs, countries need laws and budgets to implement the SDGs and to have public support to realizing the goals.

The IPU has been working with parliaments on implementing the SDGs since the beginning of the whole process - holding workshops, producing handbooks, and working with them to ensure they participate in the HLPF and in their own country's VNR process.

We're helping parliaments and parliamentarians to hold their governments to account, to help them implement their commitments, and to ensure success for the people those parliamentarians represent.

The IPU's strategy for this five year period is laser focused on the SDGs. The IPU's work over decades to enhance the representativeness of parliaments with more women and more youth members is a strong example of our commitment.

Lastly I would encourage you to call for parliamentarians to be included in their national delegations to High Level Week in September, so they can take stock of the outcome of the SDG Summit and of other development-related meetings, and feel energized to follow up upon their return home.

IPU is interested in organizing an event for those MPs who are here at that time.

Thank you.