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

Amendments to the draft resolution submitted within the statutory deadline by the delegations of Armenia, Bahrain, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Canada, China, France, Germany, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates and Viet Nam

PREAMBLE

New preambular paragraph 1bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 1 to read as follows:

(1bis) Reaffirming the IPU's Declaration on Criteria for Free and Fair Elections adopted in 1994 which confirms that in any State the authority of the government can derive only from the will of the people as expressed in genuine, free and fair elections,

(South Africa)

Preambular paragraph 2

Amend to read as follows:

(2) *Reiterating* that democracy, **development**, human rights and the rule of law are universal, interconnected and mutually reinforcing, ~~and recognizing the will of the people as the source of legitimacy of sovereign States,~~

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

(2) *Reiterating* that democracy, human rights and the rule of law ~~are universal~~ **constitute universal, interconnected interdependent** and mutually reinforcing **ideals**, and *recognizing* the will of the people **expressed in free, pluralistic and fair elections** as the source of legitimacy of sovereign States,

(France)

Preambular paragraph 3

Amend to read as follows:

(3) *Taking into account* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Civil and Political Rights and on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, ~~the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,~~ the United Nations Declaration on Minorities and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action on human rights,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

(3) *Taking into account* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Civil and Political Rights and on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, ~~the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,~~ **the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (2005)**, the United Nations Declaration on Minorities and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action on human rights, **and subsequent human rights instruments covering the rights of certain groups (e.g. indigenous peoples, women, minorities, people with disabilities, migrant workers and members of their families),**
(Indonesia)

Amend to read as follows:

(3) *Taking into account* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Civil and Political Rights and on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the United Nations Declaration on Minorities and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action on human rights, **and the Human Rights Council resolution 32/13 affirming that the same rights that people have offline must also be protected online,**
(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

(3) *Taking into account* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Civil and Political Rights and on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the United Nations Declaration on Minorities and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action on human rights, **the United Nations General Assembly resolution 53/144 on the Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms adopted on 9 December 1998,**
(Viet Nam)

Amend to read as follows:

(3) *Taking into account* the **following UN instruments – the** Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948), the International Covenants on Civil and Political Rights (1966), ~~and the International Covenant~~ on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1966), the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (1979), **the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2006)**, the United Nations Declaration on **the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (1992)** and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action on ~~Human~~ **Human Rights (1993)**,
(South Africa)

Preambular paragraph 4

Amend to read as follows:

(4) *Reaffirming* the core elements set out in the Universal Declaration on Democracy, ~~including in particular the existence of representative institutions at all levels, and, notably, a parliament in which all components of society are represented and which has real legislative and oversight powers,~~ genuine partnership between men and women in the conduct of the affairs of society, an independent judiciary, **the holding of free and fair elections at regular intervals on the basis of universal, equal and secret suffrage, the right to organise political parties, the right to freedom of expression and assembly, including through electronic means of communication,** open and free media, ~~parliamentary oversight,~~ and the protection of the rights of minorities and vulnerable or marginalized groups,
(France)

Amend to read as follows:

(4) *Reaffirming* the core elements set out in the Universal Declaration on Democracy, including ~~genuine~~ **equal** partnership between men and women in the conduct of the affairs of society, an independent judiciary, **representative institutions**, **genuine**, free and fair elections, open and free media, parliamentary oversight, **active civil society**, and the protection of the rights of **persons with disabilities**, minorities and vulnerable or marginalized groups of **people**,

(South Africa)

Amend to read as follows:

(4) *Reaffirming* the core elements set out in the Universal Declaration on Democracy, including genuine **and equal** partnership between men and women in the conduct of the affairs of society, an independent judiciary, free and fair elections, open and free media, parliamentary oversight, and the protection of the rights of minorities and vulnerable or marginalized groups,

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

(4) *Reaffirming* the core elements set out in the Universal Declaration on Democracy, including genuine partnership between men and women in the conduct of the affairs of society, an independent judiciary, free and fair elections, open, **pluralistic**, **accessible** and free media, parliamentary oversight, and the protection of the rights of minorities and vulnerable or marginalized groups,

(Bolivia (Plurinational State of))

Preambular paragraph 5

Amend to read as follows:

(5) *Referring to* existing IPU resolutions, **decisions and other texts**, including those on human rights (2004), civil society (2005), universal democratic and electoral standards (2007); freedom of expression and the right to information (2009), youth participation in the democratic process (2010), citizen engagement in democracy (2013), democracy in the digital era (2015), women's political participation (2016), the threat posed by terrorism to democracy and human rights (2016), ~~as well as~~ the IPU's Plan of Action for Gender-sensitive Parliaments (2012), **as well as IPU's Strategy 2017-2021**,

(Indonesia)

New preambular paragraph 5bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 5 to read as follows:

(5bis) Taking into account that terrorism, violent extremism, interference in the sovereignty of states and the absence of dialogue constitute elements that undermine democracy,

(Bolivia (Plurinational State of))

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 5 to read as follows:

(5bis) Recognizing that no democracy is perfect and that governments and parliaments must continually strive to attain and uphold the ideals set out in the Universal Declaration on Democracy,

(Canada)

Preambular paragraph 6

Amend to read as follows:

(6) *Noting* that ~~there is no single model of democracy, and that~~ **democracy is both an ideal to be pursued and a mode of government**, as stated in the Universal Declaration on Democracy, ~~democracy reflects the diversity of experiences and cultural particularities~~ **to be applied according to the modalities which** reflects the diversity of experiences and cultural particularities, without departing ~~derogating~~ from internationally recognised principles, norms and standards,
(South Africa)

Amend to read as follows:

(6) *Noting* that ~~there is no single model of democracy~~ **is a mode of government that does not follow one single model but** and that, as stated in the Universal Declaration on Democracy, ~~democracy~~ reflects the diversity of experiences and cultural particularities, without departing from internationally recognized principles, norms and standards,
(France)

Amend to read as follows:

(6) *Noting* that there is no single model of democracy and that, as stated in the Universal Declaration on Democracy, democracy reflects the diversity of experiences ~~and cultural particularities~~, without departing from, **while fully respecting international obligations and** internationally recognized principles, norms and standards,
(Sweden)

Amend to read as follows:

(6) *Noting* that there is no single model of democracy and that, as stated in the Universal Declaration on Democracy, democracy reflects the diversity of experiences and cultural **and political** particularities, without departing from internationally recognized principles, norms and standards,
(Switzerland)

Amend to read as follows:

(6) *Noting* that there is no single model of democracy and that, as stated in the Universal Declaration on Democracy, democracy reflects the diversity of experiences, **historical, national, religious** and cultural particularities, without departing from **with strict observance of** internationally recognized principles, norms and standards,
(Armenia)

Amend to read as follows:

(6) ~~*Noting*~~ **Acknowledging** that there is no single model of democracy and that, as stated in the Universal Declaration on Democracy, democracy reflects the diversity of experiences and cultural particularities, without departing from internationally recognized principles, **and** norms ~~and standards~~,
(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Preambular paragraph 7

Amend to read as follows:

(7) *Also noting* the close relationship between democracy and sustainable development, and drawing attention to the importance of democratic governance for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) ~~and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development~~ **as enshrined in the outcome document of the UN Summit on the Post-2015 Development Agenda entitled Transforming our world: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**,
(Indonesia)

Preambular paragraph 8

Amend to read as follows:

(8) *Confirming* the central role of parliaments in democracy, and the need for representative, transparent, accessible, accountable and effective institutions at all levels, **and *emphasizing* the role of parliaments in representing the people, and expressing their interests and needs, and *encouraging* all parliamentary activities and events that enhance social communication,**
(United Arab Emirates)

Amend to read as follows:

(8) *Confirming* the central role of parliaments in democracy **for the articulation and arbitration of multiple social demands, and as well as** the need for representative, transparent, accessible, accountable and effective institutions at all levels,
(Switzerland)

New preambular paragraph 9bis and 9ter

Add two new paragraphs after preambular paragraph 9 to read as follows:

(9bis) *Emphasising* that almost six billion people now live in countries where freedom of expression, assembly and association are seriously restricted, that in 20 countries there is no civic space left at all and that only three per cent of people live in countries where these freedoms are fully guaranteed,

(9ter) *Also emphasising* that by far the greatest driver for the repression of civil society is their opposition to government positions or institutions and that this also directly affects members of the parliamentary opposition and therefore has quite a direct impact on the IPU too,
(Germany)

Preambular paragraph 10

Amend to read as follows:

(10) *Underscoring* the vital importance of a strong ~~freely operating~~ **vibrant** civil society that helps keep governments accountable, as well as of effective political parties, ~~open and free~~ **and independent** media, and access to independent scientific knowledge, and *reiterating* that freedom of expression is a cornerstone of democracy that permits the free flow of ideas,
(Indonesia)

Amend to read as follows:

(10) *Underscoring* the vital importance of a strong ~~and freely operating~~ civil society that helps keep governments accountable, as well as of effective political parties, open and free media, and access to independent scientific knowledge, and *reiterating* that freedom of expression is a cornerstone of democracy that permits the free flow of ideas,
(China)

Amend to read as follows:

(10) *Underscoring* the vital importance of a strong, **pluralistic** and freely operating civil society that helps keep governments accountable, as well as of effective political parties, open and free media, and access to independent scientific knowledge, and *reiterating* that freedom of expression is a cornerstone of democracy that permits the free flow of ideas,
(Switzerland)

Amend to read as follows:

(10) *Underscoring* the vital importance of a strong and freely operating civil society that helps keep governments accountable, as well as of effective **and inclusive** political parties, open and free media, and access to independent scientific knowledge, and *reiterating* that freedom of expression, **including online**, is a cornerstone of democracy that permits the free flow of ideas **and promotes a pluralistic society that embraces diversity**,

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

(10) *Underscoring* the vital importance of **essential elements of democracy, such as** a strong and freely operating civil society that helps, **which is vitally important in keeping** governments accountable, as well as **the existence of effective** political parties, open and free media, and access to independent, **scientific knowledge credible and reliable information**, and *reiterating* that freedom of expression is a cornerstone of democracy that permits the free flow of ideas,

(South Africa)

Preambular paragraph 12

Amend to read as follows:

(12) *Also noting* that peace, ~~and security~~ **and political, economic, social as well as cultural development** are major enablers of democracy, and expressing deep concern about violent extremism and terrorism in all its forms, which aim to ~~eliminate~~ **erode** democracy, human rights and basic freedoms, and ~~which~~ constitute a threat to peace and security,

(South Africa)

Amend to read as follows:

(12) *Also noting* that peace and security are major enablers of democracy, and *expressing deep concern* about violent extremism and terrorism in all its forms, which aim to eliminate democracy, human rights and basic freedoms and which constitute a threat to peace, ~~and security~~ **and development**,

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

OPERATIVE PART

Operative paragraph 1

Amend to read as follows:

1. *Reaffirms* that democracy, **in general not a single model**, is a universal value and that, as a system of government, democracy contributes to the fulfillment of human potential, the eradication of poverty, the development of open and peaceful societies and the improvement of relations among nations;

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

1. *Reaffirms* that democracy is a universal ~~value~~ **ideal as well as a goal** and that, as a system of government, democracy contributes to the fulfillment of human potential, the eradication of poverty, the development of open and peaceful societies and the improvement of relations among nations;

(Viet Nam)

Amend to read as follows:

1. *Reaffirms* that democracy is a universal value and that, as a system of government, democracy contributes to the fulfilment of human potential, the eradication of poverty, **respect for and protection of human rights**, the development of open and peaceful societies and the improvement of relations among nations;

(Germany)

Amend to read as follows:

1. *Reaffirms* that democracy is a universal value and that, as a system of government, democracy contributes to the fulfilment of human potential, the eradication of poverty, the development of open and peaceful societies, **the achievement of complete harmony between all sectors of society** and the improvement of relations among ~~nations~~ **states**;

(Bahrain)

Operative paragraph 2

Amend to read as follows:

2. *Reiterates* that building a democratic society requires respect **for international law and** for the principles of the rule of law, human rights, gender equality, and the protection of minorities and vulnerable or marginalized groups;

(Sweden)

Amend to read as follows:

2. *Reiterates* that building a democratic society requires respect for the principles of the rule of law, human rights, **cultural diversity**, gender equality, and the protection of minorities and vulnerable or marginalized groups;

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

2. *Reiterates* that building a democratic society requires respect for the principles of the rule of law, human rights, gender equality, ~~and~~ the protection of minorities and vulnerable or marginalized groups, **and the respect for diversity and the equitable inclusion of all citizens**;

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

2. *Reiterates* that building a democratic society requires respect for the principles of the rule of law, human rights, gender equality, and the protection of minorities and vulnerable or marginalized groups, **and respect of all ethnic, racial, religious or sectarian diversity**;

(United Arab Emirates)

Amend to read as follows:

2. *Reiterates* that building a democratic society requires respect for the principles of the rule of law, human rights, gender equality, and the protection of minorities and vulnerable or marginalized groups **and particularly persons with disabilities**;

(Bahrain)

Amend to read as follows:

2. *Reiterates* that building a democratic society requires respect for the principles of the rule of law, human rights, gender equality, and the protection of **persons with disabilities**, minorities and vulnerable or marginalized groups **of people**;

(South Africa)

New operative paragraphs 2bis, 2ter, 2quater and 2quinquies

Add four new paragraphs after operative paragraph 2 to read as follows:

- 2bis. *Strongly urges* all states to fulfil their obligation to strengthen the rights of minorities which must not and cannot be questioned by the majority as this is a characteristic of liberal societies;**
- 2ter. *Reaffirms* the role and the importance of the opposition as a key component of democracy, which criticizes and scrutinizes the government and the parliamentary majority, and represents political alternatives and the interests of the sections of the population in the political minority;**
- 2quater. *Calls on* parliaments to create and strengthen the conditions for possibilities for political participation and for having a say when it comes to the civil society, which is indispensable for a democracy;**
- 2quinquies. *Urges* parliaments to support projects that strengthen the voice of civil society, promote human rights, and encourage the participation of all groups in democratic processes, for example by financing projects which work on assisting parliaments, promoting human rights, the rule of law and access to justice by helping to strengthen impartiality and effectiveness of national human rights institutions and judicial justice systems, ensuring freedom of expression and access to information by strengthening legislation and media capacities;**
(Germany)

Operative paragraph 3

Amend to read as follows:

3. *Calls on* parliaments and all public institutions ~~to take action~~ to **continually work to attain and uphold** the principles and values established in the Universal Declaration on Democracy;
(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

3. *Calls on* parliaments and all public institutions to take action to uphold the principles and values established in the Universal Declaration on Democracy, **as well as respect for the cultural, social, religious and political attributes of various States;**
(United Arab Emirates)

New operative paragraph 3bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 3 to read as follows:

- 3bis. *Calls on* governments to establish an independent body that monitors human rights violations that might result from the activities of public and private institutions;**
(South Africa)

Operative paragraph 4

Amend to read as follows:

4. *Reaffirms* the importance of ~~the balance~~ **separation** of powers between the legislative, executive and the judicial arms of government, *underscores* the importance of securing the independence of parliaments and the judiciary through **the constitution and** legislation, and *urges* parliaments to enhance their capacity to oversee the policies, administration and expenditure of the executive as part of a system of checks and balances;
(South Africa)

Operative paragraph 5

Amend to read as follows:

5. *Calls on* parliaments to ~~work towards greater openness in government in order to~~ strengthen citizen engagement in the democratic process, and *encourages* parliaments to continue to modernize their working methods to facilitate the participation of civil society and ordinary citizens in their deliberations;

(Switzerland)

Amend to read as follows:

5. *Calls on* parliaments to work towards greater openness in government in order to strengthen citizen engagement **and public participation** in the democratic process, and *encourages* parliaments to continue to modernize their working methods to facilitate the participation of civil society and ordinary citizens in their deliberations;

(Indonesia)

Amend to read as follows:

5. *Calls on* parliaments to work towards greater openness in government in order to strengthen citizen engagement in the democratic process, and *encourages* parliaments to continue to ~~modernize~~ **improve** their working methods to facilitate the participation of civil society and ordinary citizens in their deliberations;

(Islamic Republic of Iran)

Amend to read as follows:

5. *Calls on* parliaments to work towards greater openness in government in order to strengthen citizen engagement in the democratic process, and encourages parliaments to continue to modernize their working methods to facilitate the participation of civil society and ordinary citizens, **including women, youth and marginalized groups**, in their deliberations;

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

5. *Calls on* parliaments to work towards greater openness in government in order to strengthen citizen engagement in the democratic process, and *encourages* parliaments to continue to modernize their working methods to facilitate the participation of civil society and ordinary citizens in their deliberations, **and encourages parliaments to prepare parliamentary strategies for time-bound plans and programs on parliamentary communication with civil society to promote democracy in line with global standards;**

(United Arab Emirates)

Operative paragraph 6

Amend to read as follows:

6. *Urges* parliaments to step up their efforts to achieve equality between men and women in decision-making and to ensure equality in all areas of life, ~~including by introducing affirmative action in policies,~~ legislation and budget allocation, providing for gender equality in the law and in practice, and ensuring gender-responsive democratic processes that duly include women's participation and perspectives;

(Switzerland)

Amend to read as follows:

6. *Urges* parliaments to step up their efforts to achieve equality between men and women in decision-making and to ensure equality in all areas of life, including by introducing affirmative action in policies, legislation and budget allocation, providing for gender equality in the law and in practice, and ~~ensuring gender-responsive~~ democratic processes that ~~duly~~ include women's participation and **respect for women's perspectives in accordance with the principles of public order in every state;**

(Bahrain)

Amend to read as follows:

6. *Urges* parliaments **and governments** to ~~step up~~ **accelerate** their efforts to achieve equality between men and women in decision-making **processes at all levels of national, regional and international institutions** and to ensure equality in all areas of life, including by introducing affirmative action in policies, legislation and **gender-responsive budgeting allocation, to providing** for gender equality in the law and in practice, and ~~ensuring~~ **to ensure** gender-responsive democratic processes that duly include women's participation and perspectives;

(South Africa)

New operative paragraphs 6bis and 6ter

Move operative paragraph 14 after operative paragraph 6 and add two new paragraphs to read as follows:

- 6bis. *Urges* Parliament with a view to the realisation of Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development, to actively cooperate with the initiatives by the international community to fight against early and forced marriages and female genital mutilation by adopting all possible legislative measures to combat these inhumane practices;**

- 6ter. *Invites* parliaments to fully implement the Women, Peace and Security Agenda of the United Nations at the national level, by affirming that women play a fundamental role in the promotion of peace and development;**

(Italy)

Operative paragraph 7

Amend to read as follows:

7. *Calls on* parliaments **and political parties to adopt measures** to enhance **active involvement and youth participation in politics and of women and youth in the electoral process and in parliament's business, to ensure gender parity as well as youth representation at all levels of national, regional and international institutions, including** in parliament;

(South Africa)

Amend to read as follows:

7. *Calls on* parliaments to enhance youth participation in politics and in parliament, **and adopt specific plans and programmes of action in this regard;**

(United Arab Emirates)

Amend to read as follows:

7. *Calls on* parliaments to enhance youth participation in politics and in parliament **and to facilitate their engagement with the political process as well as their access to elected office;**

(Indonesia)

Operative paragraph 8

Amend to read as follows:

8. *Also calls on* parliaments to ensure that legislation is in place that fully protects freedom of **peaceful assembly, of association and of expression, including online**, so that **civil society actors**, politicians, journalists, human rights defenders and other ordinary citizens can **peacefully assemble, associate and** speak publicly on matters of concern without fear of reprisals, to denounce any such reprisals and to do everything in their power to ensure the protection of persons at risk and the punishment of those responsible for such acts;

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

8. *Also calls on* parliaments to ensure that legislation is in place that fully **guarantees, respects and** protects freedom of expression, **including the freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas of all kinds, either orally, in writing or in print**, so that politicians, journalists, human rights defenders and other ordinary citizens can speak publicly on matters of concern without fear of reprisals, to denounce any such reprisals and to do everything in their power to ensure the protection of persons at risk and the punishment of those responsible for such acts;

(South Africa)

Amend to read as follows:

8. *Also calls on* parliaments to ensure that legislation is in place that fully protects freedom of expression **and opinions** so that politicians, journalists, human rights defenders and other ordinary citizens can speak publicly on matters of concern without fear of reprisals, to denounce any such reprisals and to do everything in their power to ensure the protection of persons at risk and the punishment of those responsible for such acts;

(Indonesia)

Amend to read as follows:

8. *Also calls on* parliaments to ensure that legislation is in place that fully protects freedom of expression so that politicians, journalists, ~~human rights defenders~~ **individuals, groups and organs of society that promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms** and other ordinary citizens, **in accordance with national law**, can speak publicly on matters of concern without fear of reprisals, to denounce any such reprisals and to do everything in their power to ensure the protection of persons at risk and the punishment of those responsible for such acts;

(Viet Nam)

Amend to read as follows:

8. *Also calls on* parliaments to ensure that legislation is in place that fully protects freedom of expression so that politicians, journalists, human rights defenders and other ordinary citizens can speak publicly, **within the framework of the laws in different countries**, on matters of concern without fear of reprisals, to denounce any such reprisals and to do everything in their power to ensure the protection of persons at risk and the punishment of those responsible for such acts;

(China)

New operative paragraphs 8bis and 8ter

Add two new paragraphs after operative paragraph 8 to read as follows:

8bis. Urges parliaments and governments to take legislative and institutional steps to ensure the progressive achievement and consolidation of democratic goals, including through the establishment of an independent and impartial mechanism for the management of elections;

8ter. Calls on parliaments to condemn and reject the removal of an elected government through unconstitutional means;

(South Africa)

New operative paragraphs 8bis, 8ter and 8 quater

Add three new paragraphs after operative paragraph 8 to read as follows:

8bis. Calls, in view of the spread of digital technology and increasing interconnectedness in virtually all areas of life and work, for discussion, and particularly international discussion, of the issues of democratic involvement and civil rights;

8ter. Aware that, while the Internet facilitates cross-border access to information and communications, thereby promoting democratic transparency and stakeholding, these assets are also threatened by mass surveillance through blanket data retention, censorship, creation of a digital divide and commercial pillarisation trends on the Web, calls on governmental and intergovernmental players to discharge their responsibility to preserve, protect, develop and promote rights and structures which are conducive to the development of democratic freedom and public participation within the communication space offered by the Internet;

8quater. Also calls on Parliaments to press for universal equal access to the Internet through neutral networks, which are a prerequisite for free and diverse exchanges on social, political and economic matters and in which the content of communications is not filtered or censored for commercial or political reasons and, in that context, to lay the technical, infrastructural, material and social foundations for universal accessibility, comprising barrier-free broadband access to the Internet as well as to digital information and communication technologies and applications, especially through open-source software and standards, along with corresponding training and advisory services enabling people to acquire the skills they need to use digital media, regardless of location, socio-economic circumstances, age and disability;

(Germany)

Operative paragraph 9

Amend to read as follows:

9. Encourages parliaments, **governments**, and political parties, **journalists and civil society** to denounce all forms of hate speech **which degrades others, promotes hatred and encourages violence against a group on the basis of criteria such as race, colour, sexual orientation, religion, gender, disability, nationality, migration status, or any other traits;**

(South Africa)

Amend to read as follows:

9. Encourages parliaments and political parties to denounce all forms of hate speech **and to adopt all adequate legislative measures to combat hate speech on the Internet;**

(Italy)

Amend to read as follows:

9. *Encourages* parliaments and political parties to denounce all forms of hate speech, **violence and terrorism, to adopt action programmes on combating all forms of extremism, and to cooperate with relevant agencies to promote moderation in societies;**
(United Arab Emirates)

Amend to read as follows:

9. *Encourages* parliaments and political parties to denounce all forms of hate speech, **including online, and promote respect for diversity and pluralism in public discourse;**
(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

9. *Encourages* parliaments and political parties to denounce all forms of hate speech **in order to protect the values of tolerance and harmony among sectors of society;**
(Bahrain)

Amend to read as follows:

9. *Encourages*, **taking into account freedom of expression**, parliaments and political parties to denounce all forms of hate speech;
(Switzerland)

New operative paragraph 9bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 8 to read as follows:

- 9bis. Stresses that in the exercise and enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms, everyone shall be subject only to limitations determined by law that have as their purpose to secure due recognition and respect for the rights and freedoms of others and to meet the just requirements of morality, public order and general welfare in a democratic society;**
(Indonesia)

Operative paragraph 10

Amend to read as follows:

10. *Launches* an urgent appeal to parliaments to promote the inclusion of civic education in the national school curriculum, including education for democracy, human rights, ~~gender equality,~~ **equality between men and women**, freedom of religion ~~belief~~ and sustainable development;
(Bahrain)

Amend to read as follows:

10. *Launches* an urgent appeal to parliaments to promote the inclusion of civic education in the national school curriculum, including education for democracy, human rights, **inclusion and respect for diversity**, gender equality, freedom of religion and sustainable development;
(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

10. *Launches* an urgent appeal to parliaments to promote the inclusion of civic education in the ~~national~~ national school curriculum, including education for democracy, human rights, gender equality, freedom of religion and sustainable development;
(Switzerland)

Operative paragraph 11

Amend to read as follows:

11. *Calls on* parliaments to enhance their contribution to achieving the SDGs, **also by establishing ad hoc research and monitoring bodies within parliaments to assess the results in achieving these goals** and to hold governments to account for progress in meeting development targets, in the spirit of leaving no-one behind;

(Italy)

Operative paragraph 12

Amend to read as follows:

12. *Urges* respect for democratic principles in inter-State relations **and the involvement of parliaments therein** as well as in international organizations, and *underlines* its conviction that principles of democracy **and the participation of parliaments** must be applied to the international management of issues of common concern to humankind, in particular the human environment;

(Switzerland)

Amend to read as follows:

12. *Urges* respect for democratic principles in inter-State relations as well as in international organizations, and *underlines* its conviction that principles of democracy must be applied to the international management of issues of common concern to humankind, in particular the human environment, **as well as in the reform of the United Nations system, to ensure fair representation of all continents in UN Security Council;**

(United Arab Emirates)

Operative paragraph 13

Amend to read as follows:

13. *Calls on* the IPU to continue to support efforts of parliaments to strengthen democracy and ensure ~~good~~ **inclusive and accountable** governance;

(Canada)

Operative paragraph 14

Amend to read as follows:

14. *Also calls on* IPU Member Parliaments to renew their efforts to implement the provisions of all IPU resolutions related to democracy, as well as the IPU Plan of Action for Gender-sensitive Parliaments and *requests* the IPU to ~~monitor and regularly report~~ **provide updates** on progress as part of its overall strategy to promote democracy;

(Viet Nam)

Operative paragraph 15

Amend to read as follows:

15. *Invites* the United Nations to examine the possibility of designating 30 June as the International Day of ~~Parliamentarism in commemoration~~ **the parliamentary institution to celebrate** of the creation of the IPU on 30 June 1889.

(Italy)