



Parliamentary meeting on

Securing our Common Future: An Agenda for Disarmament

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Wednesday February 19, 2020. 10:00 – 12:30.
United Nations New York, Conference Room 8

Outline:

A forum of parliamentarians, parliamentary organisations and UN delegations to discuss *Securing our Common Future: An Agenda for Disarmament*, the disarmament agenda released by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres in May 2018, and how parliamentarians can advance this agenda working in cooperation with governments, the UN and civil society. The meeting will consider the draft of a parliamentary handbook entitled 'Assuring our Common Future: A Guide to Parliamentary Action in support of Disarmament for Security and Sustainable Development.' Feedback from the meeting will assist in editing the draft handbook whose release is planned for the 143rd IPU Assembly in Rwanda October 2020, with a follow-up UN launch of the handbook in New York during UN Disarmament Week 2020.

Program:

Session 1: 10:00 – 11:15: Securing our Common Future: An agenda for Disarmament

At this session the panel and participants will review the key elements of the UN Secretary-General's agenda for disarmament, reflect on current conflicts and arms races, and take stock of disarmament agreements and negotiations.

Chair (and opening comments):

- **Hon Ms Gabriela Cuevas Barron MP**, *President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union*

Additional opening comments:

- **Hon Richard Arbeiter**, *Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations, NY*
- **Hon Mr Dominique Favre**, *Deputy Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations, NY*

Speakers:

- **Mr Thomas Markram**, *Director and Deputy to the UN High Representative for Disarmament Affairs*
- **Mr Jose Ignacio Echániz MP**, *President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union Standing Committee on Peace and International Security*

Comments and interventions by parliamentarians and other delegates

Session 2: 11:15 – 12:30: Parliamentary roles to advance disarmament for our common future

At this session the panel and participants will review key initiatives by the parliamentary community in support of disarmament and non-proliferation treaties and UN resolutions. The session will consider additional effective measures that parliamentarians can take to further the new disarmament agenda put forward by the UN Secretary-General.

Chair and opening comments:

- **Mr Saber Chowdhury MP**, *PNND Co-President, Honorary President IPU*

Speakers:

- **Dr Raphael Chegeni MP**, *Vice-President of Parliamentary Forum on Small Arms and Light Weapons*
- **Ms Laurie Smolenski**, *Institute for Economics and Peace*
- **Mr David Donat Cattin**, *Secretary-General, Parliamentarians for Global Action*
- **Mr Alyn Ware**, *PNND Global Coordinator. Coordinating editor of the handbook.*

Comments and interventions by parliamentarians and other delegates

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