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Advancing parliamentary action on artificial intelligence

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The IPU Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights recognizes that the development and deployment of artificial intelligence (AI) is advancing rapidly, with profound implications for democracy, human rights and the rule of law. AI brings significant opportunities for nations and societies, but also poses risks that require urgent, informed and sustained parliamentary engagement across substantive policy areas in which AI is having an impact.

The Committee recalls the resolution on *The impact of artificial intelligence on democracy, human rights and the rule of law*, adopted unanimously by the 149th IPU Assembly in Geneva in October 2024, which established a comprehensive mandate for parliaments and the IPU to act across all dimensions of AI governance.

The Committee welcomes the adoption, in November 2025, of the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on *Parliaments and responsible AI*, which sets out 13 concrete recommendations for parliamentary action to implement the IPU resolution. It further welcomes the *Joint Statement on Artificial Intelligence and the Rights of the Child* adopted in January 2026 by more than 50 international organizations. The Committee also recognizes that technology-facilitated gender-based violence must be treated as a core AI governance issue, and that the perspectives of all sections of society, particularly women and young people, must be included in AI governance processes.

The Committee notes with encouragement that, as of early 2026, more than 60 parliaments worldwide have taken significant action on AI, including through legislation, the establishment of specialized committees and inquiry processes, and engagement in public consultations. It equally recognizes that many parliaments face significant capacity challenges in keeping pace with technological change, and that international cooperation, peer exchange and the regular sharing of information on actions taken across different parliaments are essential to ensuring that all parliaments can fully exercise their functions in relation to AI.

Reflecting the urgency of immediate and sustained parliamentary action on AI, the Committee calls upon IPU Member Parliaments to:

1. Take steps to implement the recommendations of the Kuala Lumpur Declaration, in support of the IPU's 2024 resolution on AI, including identifying urgent areas for action in line with national priorities;
2. Identify parliamentarians and staff to actively participate in inter-parliamentary exchanges on AI policy issues, maintaining regular contact with the IPU Secretariat to support mutual learning and facilitate sharing of parliamentary experience, lessons learned and emerging good practices;
3. Engage actively in regional, international and multilateral processes on AI governance, including through the United Nations and other relevant forums, ensuring that parliamentary perspectives are represented in the development of international norms and standards on AI;
4. Strengthen the capacity of parliaments to engage on AI, including by giving members of parliament and staff access to independent expertise and continuous learning on the impact of AI across society, and to adopt and use AI tools responsibly within their institutions.

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