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## Shaping a New Path for Peace

Introduction and insights in the application of Common Security and the Principles for Peace to Parliamentary work

**Webinar co-organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the International Peace Bureau (IPB), and the Principles for Peace Foundation (P4P).**

**27 September 2023**

**Session 1: Timed for the Asia/Pacific region – 7:00 – 8:30 CEST**

**Session 2: Timed for Africa, Europe and the Americas – 17:00 – 18:30 CEST**

### Background

In our complex era, marked by political violence, polarization, and violations of human rights, the evolution of geopolitical tensions and great power rivalry underscores that contemporary issues are global in scale and demand global solutions. More than 50 active conflicts raged worldwide in 2021, tripling since the end of the Cold War, resulting in numerous deaths, injuries, and displacements. The COVID-19 pandemic, climate crises, and the repercussions of the various resurgences of war have not only highlighted mutual vulnerabilities but also exposed the limits of international cooperation.

Many decision-makers remain entrenched in dated, state-centric security models, ill-equipped to transition into more holistic, humane, inclusive, and collaborative approaches to conflict prevention, peace and security. Existing mechanisms for managing these challenges are in crisis, necessitating new forms of engagement in peacemaking. The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) is actively working to build and present an inventory of tools for MPs to engage in dialogue, legislation, oversight and prevention in the pursuit of peace, which is a key step for the implementation of the resolution "[Rethinking and reframing the approach to peace processes with a view to fostering lasting peace](#)", adopted by the 144<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly in March 2022.

### Objective

This event seeks to address the current divisive politics and unilateral actions that imperil global efforts to sustain peace and security and prevent conflicts. Presenters and participants will unpack the Common Security and the Principles for Peace frameworks and discuss their applications to Parliamentary work. Attendees will discern how these principles can be woven into policy-making, international diplomacy, and grassroots movements, to help foster this collective vision of sustainable peace. These discussions will inform the drafting of the inventory of tools.

### Structure

The webinar will consist of presentations by the IPB and P4P Foundation partners. The second half of the event will be an interactive consultative discussion where participants can share their experiences and good practices, ask questions, and explore opportunities for implementing the Common Security approach and the Principles for Peace in their own work. Please note that information about in-advance registration to the speakers list is accessible through the sign-up links.

### Expected Outcomes

- Enhanced understanding of the conceptual frames and practical application of Common Security and the Principles for Peace.
- Expression of parliamentary voices in the context of the broad consultation project leading to the publication of the inventory of tools
- Enhanced integration of Common Security and the Principles for Peace in decision-making.

**The event will take place online. Session 1 will be in English only and Session 2 in English, French, Spanish, and Arabic via simultaneous interpretation.**

### Registration

Session 1: 7:00 – 8:30 CEST

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Session 2: 17:00 – 18:30 CEST

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