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The impact of COVID-19 on SDG implementation in the UN ECE region: What role for parliaments?

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PROGRAMME

14:30 – 14:32	Opening session
14:32 – 14:35	Moderator
14:35 – 14:45	Opening remarks by the co-organizers
14:45 – 15:10	Segment 1: Setting the scene - The regional status of SDG implementation This segment will provide parliamentarians with up-to-date information from the latest regional SDG progress report, including on the impact of COVID-19 on SDG implementation. The presentation will be followed by an interactive debate.
15:10 – 15:35	Segment 2: Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals despite the COVID-19 pandemic – an exchange of experiences and good practices The segment will focus on how parliaments could ensure that COVID-19 recovery strategies incorporate the SDGs lens. The new IPU-UNEP publication <i>Green approaches to COVID-19 recovery: Policy note for parliamentarians</i> will be presented and followed by an interactive debate.
15:35 – 15:53	Segment 3: Experiences from the region with Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) Parliamentary involvement in the VNR is key to monitoring government actions at the national level, strengthening national ownership of and building more political support for the SDGs. The aim of this segment is to present the findings of the IPU survey report on Parliamentary involvement in the 2020 VNRs and promote a discussion on the importance for parliaments to be engaged in this process. Parliamentarians will have the opportunity to exchange their views and share their experiences on this matter.
15:53 – 16:00	Short summary of key takeaways