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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	<b>Opening session</b>
14:32 – 14:35	Moderator <i>Ms. Monika Linn, Director, Sustainable Development and Gender Unit, UNECE</i>
14:35 – 14:45	<b>Opening remarks by the co-organizers</b> <i>Opening remarks by Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary General, IPU</i> <i>Opening remarks by Ms. Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary, UNECE</i>
14:45 – 15:10	<b>Segment 1: Setting the scene – the regional status of SDG implementation</b>  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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Mr. Andres Vikat, Chief of Section, Social and Demographic Statistics, UNECE</i></li><li>- <i>Interactive debate</i></li></ul>
15:10 – 15:35	<b>Segment 2: Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals despite the COVID-19 pandemic – an exchange of experiences and good practices</b>  This segment will focus on how parliaments could ensure that COVID-19 recovery strategies incorporate the SDG lens. The new IPU-UNEP publication <i>Green approaches to COVID-19 recovery: Policy note for parliamentarians</i> will be presented, followed by an interactive debate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Ms. Marianna Bolshakova, Regional Coordinator, Environmental Law and Governance, United Nations Environment Programme</i></li><li>- <i>Interactive debate</i></li></ul>
15:35 – 15:53	<b>Segment 3: Experiences from the region with Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)</b>  Parliamentary involvement in the VNRs 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Mr. Alessandro Motter, Senior Advisor, Economic and Social Affairs, Office of the Permanent Observer of the IPU to the United Nations</i></li><li>- <i>Interactive debate</i></li></ul>
15:53 – 16:00	Short summary of key takeaways