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The impact of artificial intelligence on democracy, human rights and the rule of law

<u>Draft resolution</u> submitted by the co-Rapporteurs,
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The 149th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union,

(1)　　　*Recognizing* that advancements in artificial intelligence (AI) may provide significant opportunities and challenges for humanity,

(2)　　　*Acknowledging* that greater knowledge and understanding of AI systems is a prerequisite for informed debate and decision-making,

(3)　　　*Alarmed* that advances in AI have already had considerable impacts on democracy, human rights and the rule of law, and may disproportionately affect women and girls,

(4)　　　*Acknowledging* that an inclusive approach to setting rules pertaining to the creation, deployment and use of AI technologies is required, in order to ensure equitable policy outcomes for the entire world, including the Global South,

(5)　　　*Concerned* by the lack of comprehensive legislation and regulations for the responsible creation, deployment and use of AI technology, as well as the slow pace of the global community in developing these rules,

(6)　　　*Acknowledging* the importance of regulating AI while allowing scope for innovations to occur that positively benefit humanity,

(7)　　　*Alarmed* that big technology companies have lobbied extensively to influence and set rules that may primarily benefit them, not the global community,

(8)　　　*Noting* that countries may already have existing legislation and regulations that could be adapted to meet emerging challenges and opportunities relating to AI,

(9)　　　*Noting also* numerous international and regional initiatives to develop ethical standards and governance frameworks for AI,

(10)　　　*Applauding* the welcome efforts of key international organizations to help parliamentarians and other actors develop regulatory frameworks and policies,

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1.   *Calls for* increased international cooperation to ensure a united worldwide effort to maximize the benefits of AI to humanity while preventing risk;

2.   *Insists* on the inclusion of perspectives from every region of the world, including the Global South, in debates on AI standards and frameworks;

3.   *Calls upon* parliaments to quickly develop strong legal frameworks and policies for the responsible creation, deployment and use of AI technology, and to contribute to efforts to set global standards and frameworks for the same goal;

4.   *Invites* parliaments to urgently review legislation and regulations to ensure no loopholes in existing protections for democracy, human rights and the rule of law have emerged due to advances in AI technology;

5.   *Urges* legislative action to prevent the creation and distribution of deepfake intimate images, as well as the distribution of AI-generated content that propagates **misinformation, disinformation,** hate speech or incites violence;

6.   *Calls for* the development and deployment of tools to help people determine the provenance of online images and content;

7.   *Urges* parliaments to place a high priority on debates related to AI and to ensure their policy responses keep pace with advances in AI technology;

8.   *Calls for* increased and ongoing education about AI **for all to avoid or significantly reduce digital illiteracy, leaving no one behind**, ~~including for parliamentarians~~;

9.   *Urges* parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union to continue to focus attention on the responsible creation, deployment and use of AI as a critical goal of their work.