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Consideration of requests for the inclusion of an emergency item in the agenda of the 153rd Assembly

The following requests have been submitted:

Item proposed	Author	Date of receipt
Ensuring freedom of navigation, maritime security, and the flow of international trade through maritime corridors and straits, in accordance with international law: A call for urgent parliamentary action	Bahrain, with the support of the Arab Group and Chile	4 October 2026
Condemnation of the military aggression by the United States of America and Israel against the Islamic Republic of Iran, and of the air and naval blockade imposed by the United States of America, as violations of international law and of the principle of non-intervention	Islamic Republic of Iran	5 October 2026
Urgent parliamentary action to address climate-related disasters and strengthen resilience in the Himalayan region and other vulnerable regions	Nepal	5 October 2026
Protecting civilians and critical civilian infrastructure in armed conflicts: Urgent parliamentary action to uphold international law	Ukraine	5 October 2026

Procedure to be followed

Under the terms of Assembly Rule 11.1, any Member Parliament may request the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda. Such a request must be accompanied by a brief explanatory memorandum and a draft resolution, which clearly define the scope of the subject covered by the request, and indicate how it is in line with the principles and values of the IPU and its Strategy. Requests must be submitted to the IPU Secretariat at least 48 hours in advance of the vote on the emergency item. The IPU Secretariat shall communicate the request and accompanying documents immediately to all Member Parliaments.

Furthermore, Assembly Rule 11.2 stipulates that:

- A request for the inclusion of an emergency item must relate to a recent major situation of international concern on which urgent action by the international community is required and on which it is appropriate for the IPU to express its opinion and mobilize a parliamentary response. Such a request must receive a two-thirds majority of the votes cast in order to be accepted.
- The Assembly may place only one emergency item on its agenda. Should several requests obtain the requisite majority, the one having received the largest number of positive votes shall be accepted.
- The authors of two or more requests for the inclusion of an emergency item may combine their proposals to present a joint one, including after the 48-hour deadline for submission, provided that each of the original proposals relates to the same subject and the combined proposal maintains the overall scope of the original proposals.
- The subject of a proposal that has been withdrawn by its authors or rejected by the Assembly cannot be included in the draft resolution submitted on the emergency item, unless it is clearly referred to in the request and title of the subject adopted by the Assembly.

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