



***“Every parliament heard.  
A future shaped together.”***

# **ROJO EDWARDS**

**CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION (2026–2029)**  
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Inter-Parliamentary Union  
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## I. Building agreement under pressure

Much of the Union's hardest work happens before a resolution reaches the floor: negotiating line by line, narrowing differences and defending the result.

Rojo Edwards has done so at difficult moments.

**Istanbul, April 2026.** As one of three co-Rapporteurs, he helped draft, negotiate and defend the resolution on protectionism, tariffs and corporate tax avoidance. It supports rules-based trade and closing tax gaps that let multinationals pay little or nothing where they earn. The Assembly adopted it unanimously.

**Kigali, October 2022, and Manama, March 2023.** In Kigali, he introduced Chile's GRULAC-supported emergency item condemning the invasion of Ukraine and subsequent annexation of territories, in defence of the territorial integrity of all States. In Manama, he co-authored the proposal and served as Rapporteur for a resolution on humanitarian crises in Afghanistan, Palestine, South Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, Venezuela, Yemen and elsewhere; risks to women and children; and the murder of Afghan parliamentarian Mursal Nabizada.

*Consensus may be declared from the chair, but it is built beforehand by listening first.*





## 2. Common ground across GRULAC

Since 2025, as Chair of GRULAC, Rojo Edwards has coordinated Latin American and Caribbean parliaments to build workable common positions without erasing political differences, and to represent them before the other groups.



## 3. The Union has set its direction

Adopted after the IPU's broadest consultation—reaching participants in 111 countries—the 2027–2031 Strategy reflects the Membership's priorities and a vision in which every voice counts.

The President elected in Arusha will help turn that Strategy into practice from its first year. The following commitments translate its priorities into action.



## 4. Three Commitments

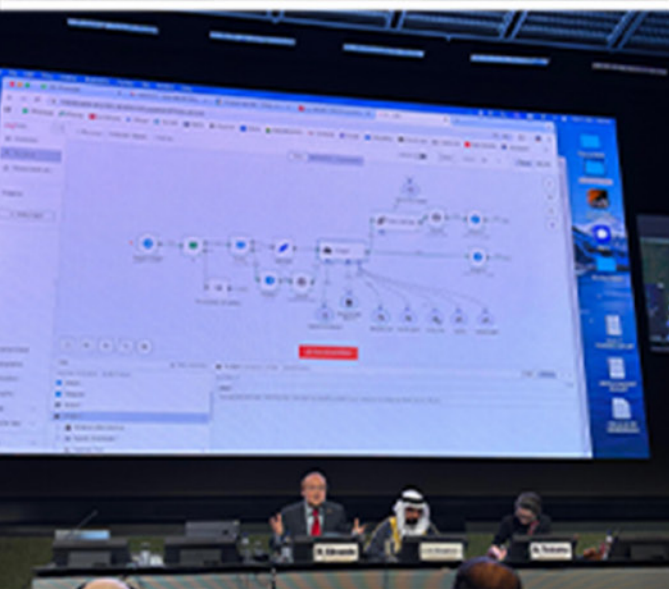
### I. Building consensus in a polarized world

Polarization increasingly reaches IPU Assemblies. The Strategy calls for stronger parliamentary diplomacy, preventive mediation and follow-up so agreed resolutions have practical impact.

**As President, he would:**

- **Consult the Secretary General, the six Vice-Presidents of the Executive Committee** and the Chairs of the geopolitical groups before major decisions, building agreement while options remain open.
- **Work with the Secretary General** to provide equal procedural support for emergency-item proposals. With a 48-hour deadline, a two-thirds majority and only one item permitted, institutional capacity should not determine whose urgent concerns are heard.
- **Strengthen follow-up** and Member reporting so resolutions lead to measurable parliamentary action.
- **Use** the Presidency's good offices, with the Secretary General and relevant IPU bodies, to help reopen parliamentary dialogue where formal diplomacy is blocked.





## II. An inclusive Union, ready for the future

The Strategy prioritizes vulnerable parliaments—including those affected by conflict or transition and parliaments of Small Island Developing States—and seeks to narrow institutional-capacity gaps.

That commitment should be visible in how the Union works.

### Artificial intelligence

The Strategy directs the IPU to consider artificial intelligence across all policy priorities and support the 2024 resolution *The impact of artificial intelligence on democracy, human rights and the rule of law*. It also recognizes the absence of global consensus on AI governance.

Rojo Edwards chairs the Chilean Senate's Committee on Future Challenges, Science, Technology and Innovation and is completing a master's degree in artificial intelligence.

In his first year, he would propose a Governing Council review of how to organize the IPU's work on future challenges. Options would include a fifth Standing Committee, a permanent cross-committee mechanism or another structure that anticipates emerging technologies without duplication.

Under Article 21(e), the Governing Council determines the number and terms of reference of Standing Committees. Any reform requires consultation and an assessment of programme and budget implications.

**As President, he would:**

- Support interested parliaments—especially those with limited capacity—in applying the Maturity Framework for AI in Parliaments, using AI to strengthen rather than replace parliamentary expertise.
- Position the IPU as a leading parliamentary forum on responsible AI governance where no international consensus yet exists.
- Connect parliaments for practical peer learning on AI and other emerging technologies.

**Climate change**

The World Meteorological Organization reports that 2024 was likely the first calendar year more than 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels. The Strategy calls for climate resilience, disaster legislation and scrutiny of climate finance.

**As President, he would:**

- Help parliaments scrutinize national climate plans and climate finance.
- Prioritize assistance to parliaments most exposed to climate impacts and least prepared to legislate.

**Women parliamentarians**

The 2025 IPU Plan of action for gender parity in parliament sets three goals: parity in numbers; parity in influence and power; and a parity culture free from sexism, harassment and violence.

**As President, he would:**

- Support implementation of the Plan through measures adapted to national constitutional and electoral frameworks.
- Consult the Forum of Women Parliamentarians systematically, seek parity in appointments within the Presidency's influence, and confront gendered disinformation and online harassment.

## Young parliamentarians

The IPU's 2025 youth report finds that only 2.8% of parliamentarians are 30 or under; 37.1% of parliamentary chambers have none.

### As President, he would:

- Work with the Forum of Young Parliamentarians to increase younger members' influence within the Union.
- Support pathways into parliamentary life through youth caucuses, mentoring and nationally adapted measures.

## Sustainable development

As co-Rapporteur of the unanimously adopted Istanbul resolution, Rojo Edwards helped build agreement on rules-based trade, fair taxation and fiscal space for public services. Debt, tariffs and tax avoidance can constrain national budgets.

### As President, he would:

- Keep IPU work on trade, debt and taxation focused on national fiscal space.
- Build parliamentary capacity to expand equitable access to services and economic opportunity, focusing on greatest need.
- Promote reporting and peer exchange to implement the Istanbul commitments.



## Peace and security

Since its founding in 1889, the IPU has promoted dialogue and peaceful dispute resolution. The Strategy renews that purpose through parliamentary multilateralism, conflict prevention, accountable security policy and respect for human dignity, rights and the territorial integrity of all States.

### As President, he would:

- Support the distinct mandates of the Committee on Middle East Questions—including its Israel–Palestine focus—the Group of Facilitators for Cyprus and the Ukraine Task Force, while protecting the neutrality on which parliamentary dialogue depends.
- Advance parliamentary work on disarmament, arms control, international humanitarian law and humanitarian crises wherever they occur, building on the Manama resolution.
- Advance parliamentary oversight of autonomous and AI-enabled weapons, cyber operations and other military uses of emerging technologies that are moving faster than the law.
- Strengthen transparent and accountable parliamentary oversight of security and defence, consistent with national constitutional arrangements and international law, and support the participation of women and young parliamentarians in mediation and peacebuilding.





| Item proposed<br>Point proposé                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Item Proposed/Point proposé                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Authors & Sponsors/Auteurs et sponsors                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Advancing global economic cooperation: Reducing tariffs and combating protectionism<br>Accroître la coopération économique mondiale: Réduire les droits de douane et lutter contre le protectionnisme                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Chile and Peru<br>le Chili et le Pérou                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Parliamentary diplomacy to promote peace and address the humanitarian crisis in Myanmar<br>La diplomatie parlementaire au service de la paix et de l'action humanitaire face à la crise au Myanmar                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Philippines and Thailand<br>les Philippines et la Thaïlande                                                                                                                                                  |
| The need for urgent action on the recent violation of the ceasefire agreement by Israel in Palestine, the escalating conflicts in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Sudan, and the corresponding effects of global warming<br>La nécessité d'une action urgente concernant la récente violation de l'accord de cessez-le-feu par Israël en Palestine, l'escalade des conflits en République démocratique du Congo et au Soudan, et les effets aggravés du réchauffement climatique | Secretary, Zimbabwe, Jordan and Egypt with the support of the Arab Group and the African Group<br>les Secrétaires de Zimbabwe, de Jordanie et d'Égypte avec le soutien du Groupe arabe et du Groupe africain |
| Ending the double standard: Calling on the international community to accept refugees from Gaza instead of exploiting them to attack Israel<br>Mettre fin à la pratique du double jeu: Appeler la communauté internationale pour qu'elle accueille les réfugiés de Gaza au lieu de les exploiter pour attaquer Israël                                                                                                                                                                 | Israel<br>Israël                                                                                                                                                                                             |



### III. Standing firm in defence of parliamentarians at risk

In its 50th-anniversary year, the IPU Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians remains the only international mechanism with a remit to protect and defend parliamentarians facing abuse, mistreatment or even death. Its caseload has grown by 30% since 2022. Protecting parliamentarians is central to the Union's purpose.

#### As President, he would:

- Use the Presidency's platform to raise the Committee's visibility and mobilize solidarity with parliamentarians at risk.
- Uphold the Committee's authority, procedures and impartial consideration of every case, regardless of country, region or political affiliation.
- Raise public Committee decisions in bilateral meetings with the relevant parliamentary leadership.
- Work with the Committee, Executive Committee and Secretariat to strengthen its reach, follow-up and impact throughout the term.
- Address gender-specific threats to women parliamentarians while preserving equal treatment of all cases.



## 5. Who He Is

Rojo Edwards is an industrial engineer specializing in transportation engineering from the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile. He holds a Master in Public Policy from Harvard University, where he was a Reynolds Fellow in Social Entrepreneurship.

In 1997, he co-founded Un Techo para Chile and built emergency housing with families in informal settlements. The lesson—listen, build trust and work together—still guides his approach.

Elected to the Chamber of Deputies in 2009, he served two terms. In 2021, he was elected to the Senate for 2022–2030, spanning the full IPU presidential term.

His candidature is endorsed by every political group in Chile's Senate and supported by the Chamber of Deputies and the Government of Chile.



*"The IPU is strongest when every parliament is heard, differences are addressed through dialogue, and principles are applied consistently. My work at its Assemblies and as President of GRULAC has taught me that common ground requires patience, fairness and trust. I offer that experience to all six geopolitical groups. If elected, I will work so every Member Parliament—whatever its size, resources or region—can help shape the Union's future."*

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## Inter-Parliamentary Union

Chair, Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC) — 2025–2027

Co-Rapporteur, Standing Committee on Sustainable Development — 2025–2026

## RESOLUTIONS AND EMERGENCY ITEMS

- **Co-Rapporteur** — Building a fair and sustainable global economy: The role of parliaments in combating protectionism, reducing tariffs and preventing corporate tax avoidance. Adopted unanimously, 152nd Assembly (Istanbul, 2026)
- **Emergency-item proposal submitted by Chile with GRULAC support;** introduced in plenary — Condemnation of the invasion of Ukraine and of the subsequent annexation of territories, in defence of the territorial integrity of all States. Adopted by the 145th Assembly (Kigali, 2022)
- **Co-author of the emergency-item proposal and Rapporteur for** the adopted resolution on humanitarian crises in Afghanistan, Palestine, South Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, Venezuela, Yemen and elsewhere, with particular attention to women and children. Adopted by consensus, 146th Assembly (Manama, 2023)

## PARLIAMENTARY POSITIONS

**Senate of the Republic of Chile — 2022–2030.** Elected 2021, Metropolitan Region.

- Chair, Committee on Future Challenges, Science, Technology and Innovation (2026–present)
- Chair, Committee on Economy (2024)
- Member, Committee on Education; former member, Committee on Foreign Affairs

**Chamber of Deputies of Chile — 2010–2018.** Araucanía Region.

- Chair, Committee on Economy
- Member, Committee on Foreign Affairs (2010–2018)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND PUBLIC LEADERSHIP

- Co-founder and Construction Director, Un Techo para Chile
- Investment Officer, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, D.C.
- Investment Analyst, AFP Cuprum, Chile
- Founder and Director, Ideas Republicanas think tank; author of Ruta Republicana

## EDUCATION

- Master's degree in Artificial Intelligence (in progress), Pontifical Catholic University of Chile
- Master in Public Policy, Harvard University — Reynolds Fellow in Social Entrepreneurship
- Industrial Engineer with a specialization in Transportation Engineering, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile