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World Future Council Receives Permanent Observer Status at the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

Hamburg, November 06, 2025 — The World Future Council (WFC) is pleased to announce that it has been granted permanent observer status at the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). The IPU Governing Council adopted the decision during its 216th session in Geneva.

Founded to bring future-just policies and long-term thinking into democratic decision-making processes, the World Future Council consists of 50 distinguished changemakers from around the globe. Its work advances intergenerational equity, supports strong governance for peace and justice, and integrates future generations' rights into sustainable development.

For more than two decades, the WFC has collaborated with governments, parliaments, and international institutions including the United Nations, African Union, European Union, Organization of American States, IUCN, and the IPU - to champion policies on biodiversity, youth and children, climate, food security, forests, oceans, energy, and more. Notably, WFC advocacy contributed to the UN's consideration of appointing a Special Envoy on Future Generations, following the UN Summit of the Future.

The Council's long-standing cooperation with the IPU has grown particularly strong through the World Future Policy Award, which recognizes effective and innovative laws that improve lives and protect the planet.

"This is an acknowledgement of the fruitful partnership we have developed over many years," said Anda Filip, IPU Director of Member Parliament and External Relations. "We share the vision of a peaceful, sustainable and just world for present and future generations."

Neshan Gunasekera, CEO of the World Future Council, welcomed the decision:

“Now as a Permanent Observer of the much-respected Inter-Parliamentary Union, the World Future Council looks forward to strengthening global efforts to advance the human rights of future generations and ensure respect for the integrity of all Earth systems.”

Permanent observer status will allow the WFC to more closely engage with parliamentarians from around the world, contribute future-just perspectives to global policy processes, and support legislative innovation toward peace, justice, sustainability, and planetary health.

The WFC expresses its appreciation to IPU Secretary General Martin Chungong and the IPU membership for their trust and partnership. The organization looks forward to participating actively in upcoming IPU sessions and initiatives.

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