



Democracy and gender equality

The achievement of democracy presupposes a genuine partnership between men and women in the conduct of the affairs of society in which they work in equality and complementarity, drawing mutual enrichment from their differences.

Article 4, Universal Declaration on Democracy, 1997

In a few words

- The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)
- Brings together some 160 national
- Its objective is to strengthen democracy through



Democratic parliament

- **A democratic parliament** is a parliament that is: - representative, both socially and politically, of the people;
 - transparent, i.e. open to the nation;
 - accessible to the public so that they can contribute to work in parliament;
 - a parliament that **is** itself accountable to the people both for the performance in office and the integrity of its members;
 - and a parliament that is effective in carrying out its core functions.

Democracy and effective

"Adopt and implement laws to end discrimination and provide for the effective participation of minorities and indigenous peoples in decision-making, including in

The Chiapas Declaration (November 2009) adopted by the International Parliamentary Conference on Parliaments, minorities

Objectives of the Gender

1. *Why* increase the number of women

