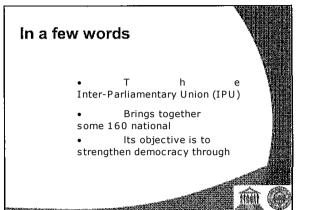


Democracy and gender equality

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



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.

