

MEDIA ADVISORY

Launch of the International Parliamentary Inquiry into the International Response to the Coup in Myanmar 15 June 2022

What?

A coalition of Members of Parliament (MPs) from Asia, Europe, Africa, and the Americas have established an International Parliamentary Inquiry (IPI) into the failed international response to the 1 February 2021 coup in Myanmar.

Why?

Despite pledges to oppose the overthrow of the democratically elected government of Myanmar and hold the country's notoriously abusive military to account, international actors-including the UN Security Council, ASEAN, the European Union and countries who have professed concern over the situation-has failed to take sufficient steps to compel the junta to negotiate a political solution to a spiraling conflict that is rapidly turning Myanmar into a failed state, with catastrophic humanitarian, social and economic consequences.

How?

In response, ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights (APHR) has established on 15 June 2022 the International Parliamentary Inquiry into the International Response to the Coup in Myanmar (IPI). The IPI will hold five international parliamentary hearings conducted weekly from 22 June to 20 July and is <u>calling for written submissions</u>. The Committee's conclusions and recommendations for action will be released during the High-Level Debate week of the United Nations General Assembly in September 2022.



Who?

The IPI Committee is chaired by Heidi Hautala, Vice-President of the European Parliament.

Members of Parliament (MPs) who have joined the IPI include:

- Mercy Barends (Indonesia)
- Taufik Basari (Indonesia)
- Amadou Camara (Gambia)
- Nqabayomzi Kwankwa (South Africa)
- Ilhan Ohmar (USA)
- Nitipon Piwmow (Thailand)
- Charles Santiago (Malaysia)

When?

The First Hearing will be held on: 22 June, 1100 UTC (700 Washington/1300 Brussels/1800 Jakarta)

All hearings aside from closed-door sessions will be broadcasted online.

To register and obtain a weblink to the hearings, or for further information, please contact ipi@aseanmp.org