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PERMANENT OBSERVER MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE
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**UNOG Executive Brief with Ms. Anda Filip, Secretary General of
the Inter- Parliamentary Union (IPU)**

Intervention by Mr. Yannick GALEAZZI, First Secretary

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Madam Secretary General, dear Anda,
Excellencies,
Colleagues,

On behalf of the Sovereign Order of Malta and our Permanent Mission in Geneva, allow me to congratulate you on your election as Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. I also wish to pay tribute to your predecessor Mr. Martin Chungong, for his leadership in parliamentary diplomacy and as a champion of multilateralism and a pillar of International Geneva.

As you well know, during your previous role as Director for External Relations, the Order of Malta obtained its Permanent Observer status at the IPU in 2021. We are grateful for the longstanding and excellent cooperation with the IPU, especially in the field of interfaith and intercultural dialogue. We were pleased to participate and collaborate closely on the preparatory processes leading to the first Parliamentary Interfaith Conference in Marrakesh, which was followed by the second one in Rome last year.

The Order of Malta hopes to continue this cooperation under your leadership as the new Secretary General of the IPU.

I thank you and wish you all the best and success in your important mandate.