

## Press Release

On Tuesday, 15 October 2019 between 09.00 and 10.30 hrs., at Hall 15/1 (first floor), Building A, Sava Centre, Hon. Mr. Issara Sereewatthanawut, Member of the House of Representatives and Member of the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade from the Asia-Pacific Geopolitical Group, attended the meeting of the Standing Committee. Hon. Mr. Issara Sereewatthanawut replaced Mr. Vorapol Socratyanurak who vacated office as a Member of the Thai Parliament. The details are as follows :

### **1. The amendments of duties and powers of the Committee:**

During the 140<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Executive Committee discussed ways for the Inter-Parliamentary Union to elevate more participation in economic issues and decided to revise the administration of the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade focusing on more solid economic issues. The Secretariat of the Inter-Parliamentary Union was designated to prepare details about the proposal of the amendments and submit to the Committee for making the decision. The meeting also discussed on documents and opinions as well as gave opinions and advice in order that Chairperson of the Committee propose those recommendations to the Executive Committee of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading during the 141<sup>st</sup> Assembly of the IPU. (Wednesday, 16 October 2019, 10.00 - 13.00 hrs.)

**2. A Joint meeting with rapporteurs on the theme “*Mainstreaming digitalization and circular economy to achieve the SDGs, particularly responsible consumption and production*”** : Participants of The meeting shared opinions and ideas with the rapporteurs on such important issues and gave recommendations on performance of the Parliaments to be put together in a draft resolution. The meeting of members of the Committee and the rapporteurs was an initiative to strengthen roles of the Committee and provide useful advice for the draft resolution.

**3. An allocation of budget to achieve SDGs Goal:** In The meeting gathered opinions and ideas were gathered for the ways that the Inter-Parliamentary Union can provide an assistance for the Parliaments in building capacity for integration of the SDGs Goal and State budget management process.

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