



INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION
114th Assembly and related meetings
Nairobi, 4 to 12 May 2006



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CONVOCATION
178th SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE
INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION
Nairobi, 8 and 12 May 2006

Dear Madam,
Dear Sir,

We have pleasure in informing you that the Governing Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will hold its 178th session at the Kenyatta International Conference Centre (KICC) in Nairobi, Kenya.

The Governing Council will hold a first sitting from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Monday 8 May. Its second sitting will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday 12 May.

1. PARTICIPATION

The Governing Council is composed of three members from each parliament represented in the IPU*. The Members are asked to confirm the names of their representatives to the Governing Council by 8 May 2006 at the latest, so that the Secretariat can update the list of Council members.

In accordance with Governing Council Rule 2, "a member of the Governing Council who is unable to attend may be replaced by another representative of the Union Member in question duly authorized for that purpose". The IPU Secretariat should be notified accordingly.

* Single gender delegations will be limited to two members (Rule 1.2 of the Rules of the Governing Council).

2. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The provisional agenda for the session prepared by the Executive Committee at its 245th (October 2005) session is as follows:

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Approval of the summary records of the 177th session of the Governing Council**
Members requesting corrections to the summary records of the 177th session (CL/177/SR.1) are requested to notify the Union's Secretariat in writing before the opening of the 178th session.
3. **Proposals for the election of the President of the 114th Assembly**
4. **Questions relating to IPU membership**
 - (a) Requests for affiliation and reaffiliation to the Union
 - (b) Situation of certain members*The Governing Council will decide on any requests for affiliation and reaffiliation and review the situation of certain Members on the basis of the report of the Executive Committee.*
5. **Report of the President**
 - (a) On his activities since the 177th session of the Governing Council
 - (b) On the activities of the Executive Committee*The Governing Council will have before it the President's report on his activities and will hear an oral report on the activities of the Executive Committee.*
6. **Annual Report by the Secretary General on the activities of the Union for 2005**
The Governing Council will have before it the annual report of the Secretary General on the activities of the Union in 2005.
7. **Report on recent IPU specialised conferences and meetings**
8. **Cooperation with the United Nations System**
The Governing Council will hear a report on this subject.
9. **Consolidation of the reform of the Inter-Parliamentary Union**
The Governing Council will hear the report of the President's Working Group on Reform.
10. **Financial results for 2005**
The Governing Council will have before it the report of the Auditors on the Union's accounts for 2005.
11. **Action by the IPU to strengthen democracy and parliamentary institutions**
12. **Activities of committees and other bodies**
The Governing Council will examine the reports of the following bodies and committees and will hold elections to fill any vacant seats:
 - (a) Meeting of Women Parliamentarians
 - (b) Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

- (c) Committee on Middle East Questions
- (d) Group of Facilitators for Cyprus
- (e) Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law
- (f) Gender Partnership Group

13. 115th IPU Assembly (Geneva, 16-18 October 2006)

14. Future Inter-Parliamentary meetings

- (a) Statutory meetings
- (b) Specialised meetings and other events

The Governing Council will review the list of meetings included in the Union's programme and consider any proposals for future events.

15. Election of the Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

(1 July 2006 – 30 June 2010)

Proposal of the Executive Committee (cf. Articles 21(l) and 24.2(h) of the Statutes and Rule 3 of the Rules of the Secretariat)

3. SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

In conformity with Governing Council Rule 13, members of the Council may request the inclusion of supplementary items in the agenda. Such items must fall within the competence of the Council which, according to Article 20.1 of the Statutes, determines and guides the activities of the Union and controls their implementation.

Any requests for the inclusion of supplementary items will be immediately transmitted by the Secretariat to all Council members. After hearing the opinion of the Executive Committee, the Council shall decide on such a request by a majority of votes cast if the request is received by the Secretariat at least 15 days before the opening of the session; otherwise by a two-thirds majority.

4. DOCUMENTS

To the extent possible, working documents regarding various items of the provisional agenda will be sent out to members in advance.

Yours sincerely,

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President
of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

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of the Inter-Parliamentary Union