



AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES AND RULES

Amendment to Article 4 of the Statutes

The following amendment will be considered by the Executive Committee at its 266th session. At its 192nd session, the Governing Council will express its opinion on the matter through a simple majority vote. The amendment will subsequently be submitted to the 128th Assembly for decision by a two-thirds majority vote.

Proposed amendment submitted on 4 December 2012 by Ms. Michèle André, Senator of Puy-de-Dôme and Executive President of the IPU French Group, and Mr. Serge Janquin, MP for Pas-de-Calais, member of the French Group

Article 4

Add a new paragraph 3 after paragraph 2 to read as follows:

3. The provisions of paragraph 2 shall be applied when a Member of the Union ceases to fulfil, as part of its functions, the responsibility that falls to it of protecting its country's population from genocide, ethnic cleansing, war crimes and crimes against humanity.

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Justification

Article 4 paragraph 2 of the Statutes of the Inter-Parliamentary Union provides that when a Member of the Union has ceased to function as such, i.e. when it no longer convenes or fulfils its functions, the Executive Committee shall consider the situation and express an opinion to the Governing Council. The Governing Council takes a decision on the suspension of the affiliation of that Member to the Union.

This amendment proposes to extend these provisions to IPU Member Parliaments who cease to fulfil the function that falls to them of protecting their population from the most serious crimes.