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Governing Council  
Item 15

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## Election of the IPU President

### Note on voting procedure for the election of the IPU President

1. The Governing Council will elect the President by secret ballot.
2. The vote will take place in the Governing Council on Thursday, 16 October, Room 1 (first floor).
3. The session will start at 9.30 a.m. The candidates will present their candidature and each be given five minutes for this purpose, following which the vote will commence.
4. The Secretary of the Assembly will call, in alphabetical order, each Member Parliament attending the 131<sup>st</sup> Assembly, with full voting rights, starting with Turkey.
5. *"Each Member of the IPU shall be represented on the Governing Council by three parliamentarians, provided that its representation includes both men and women. Single-gender delegations will be limited to two members."* (Rule 1.2 of the Governing Council Rules)
6. The Governing Council members will be invited to come down to the front of the Plenary Room. After the Secretariat has verified the accreditation of each Member of Parliament, s/he will receive an individual ballot paper and be invited to proceed to one of the booths (set up on either side of the room).
7. Once the ballot paper has been filled out, the Governing Council members will proceed to the ballot box, placed on a table in the middle of the room, and, under the scrutiny of two parliamentary tellers, cast their vote.
8. Samples of valid votes will be placed inside the voting booths.
9. In accordance with Rule 30.2 of the Governing Council, the results of secret ballots shall be ascertained by two tellers appointed by the Governing Council.
10. Once all of the votes have been cast, the two tellers, two members of the IPU Secretariat and a personal representative of each of the candidates will proceed to a room within the building. The tellers and members of the Secretariat will count the votes while the representatives of the candidates will observe the process. Only valid votes will be counted.
11. For the purpose of identifying the candidate most capable of securing a broad, if not all-inclusive, consensus among the Members, the Governing Council will elect the President with an absolute majority of the votes cast, as per Rule 35.1(b) of the Governing Council, i.e. 50 per cent of the valid votes, plus one vote.
12. If none of the candidates receives the required majority in the first round of voting, the candidate who received the least support will be eliminated and a new round of voting held.

