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131st IPU ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

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Convocation of the 195th session of the Governing Council of the IPU

Geneva, 13 and 16 October 2014

Madam President,
Mr. President,

We have pleasure in informing you that the Governing Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will hold its 195th session at the *Centre international de Conférences de Genève (CICG)*, in Geneva.

1. PARTICIPATION

The Governing Council is composed of three members from each parliament represented in the IPU. Each parliament's representation on the Governing Council must include both men and women. Single-gender delegations will be limited to two members (Rule 1.2 of the Rules of the Governing Council).

2. PROCEEDINGS OF THE SESSION

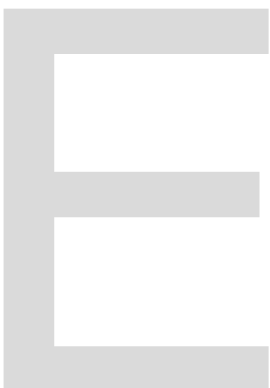
The first sitting of the Governing Council will take place on Monday, 13 October, from 9 to 10.45 a.m., and will start by examining items 1 to 6. It will then receive a presentation of the draft *Programme and Budget for 2015* (item 7).

At its second sitting, to be held on Thursday, 16 October, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Governing Council will start by electing the new President of the IPU and then continue with other business, including the adoption of the *draft Programme and Budget for 2015*. At its third sitting, to be held in the afternoon of the same day, from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m., the Governing Council will examine all remaining items on its agenda.

3. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The provisional agenda for the session, prepared by the Executive Committee at its 268th session (March 2014), is as follows:

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Approval of the summary records of the 194th session of the Governing Council**



3. Questions relating to IPU membership

- (a) Requests for affiliation and reaffiliation to the IPU
- (b) Situation of certain Members
- (c) Observer status

4. Report of the President

- (a) On his activities since the 194th session of the Governing Council
- (b) On the activities of the Executive Committee

5. Interim Report by the Secretary General on the activities of the IPU since the 194th session

6. Financial situation of the IPU

7. Draft programme and budget for 2015

8. Implementation of the IPU Strategy 2012-2017

9. Cooperation with the United Nations system

10. Reports on recent IPU specialized meetings

11. Activities of committees and other bodies

- (a) Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians
- (b) Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians
- (c) Committee on Middle East Questions
- (d) Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law
- (e) Gender Partnership Group
- (f) Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS and Maternal, Newborn and Child Health
- (g) Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU

12. 132nd IPU Assembly

The 132nd IPU Assembly will take place in Hanoi (Viet Nam) from 29 March to 1 April 2015.

13. Future Inter-Parliamentary meetings

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

14. Appointment of two Auditors for the 2015 accounts

(cf. Rules 41 of the Governing Council)

15. Election of the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

(Article 19 of the Statutes and Rules 6, 7 and 8 of the Rules of the Governing Council)

16. Elections to the Executive Committee

(cf. Article 21 (k) of the Statutes and Rules 37, 38 and 39 of the Rules of the Governing Council)

The Governing Council will elect two members to replace Ms. S. Moulengui-Mouélé (Gabon) and Ms. S. Atallahjan (Canada), whose terms of office expire at the time of the 195th session of the Governing Council.

4. 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 of the Statutes, determines and guides the activities of the IPU 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.

5. DOCUMENTS

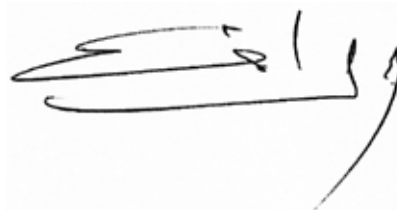
To the extent possible, working documents regarding various items of the provisional agenda will be sent out to Members and posted on the IPU website in advance.

We look forward to fruitful discussions in the Governing Council next October and remain,

Yours sincerely,



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of the Inter-Parliamentary Union



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