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ELECTION OF THE BUREAUX OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

On the occasion of the 116th Assembly in Nusa Dua, elections will take place for the members of the Bureaux of the three Standing Committees. The Bureaux play an important role in planning and directing the work of the Standing Committees, in particular by proposing subject items and co-rapporteurs for consideration by the Standing Committees. It is therefore imperative that members of the Bureaux are knowledgeable about the issues falling within the competence of the respective Standing Committee and that they are in a position to attend all Bureau sessions in the course of their mandate.

Members are reminded that the elections of Bureau members will take place in accordance with Standing Committee Rules 7-9. Each geopolitical group, of which there are currently six, shall be represented by one member and one substitute on each Bureau. The elections will take place in each Standing Committee, which shall make an effort to ensure gender balance.

Moreover, in line with past IPU practice, it can be expected that members will wish to ensure an equitable distribution of the senior posts of President and First Vice-President of the Bureaux among the geopolitical groups. This was the case when the Bureaux were first elected in 2003, and the geopolitical groups are encouraged to consult with each other ahead of the elections to determine how best to ensure an equitable distribution when the elections are held at the 116th Assembly.

Finally, Members are also reminded that a Committee officer is no longer eligible for re-election to the same post after four years in office. The following list indicates the time of the original election of each of the current members and substitutes of the Bureaux of the three Standing Committees.

FIRST STANDING COMMITTEE

President:	Mr. Noumeir El-Ghanem (Syrian Arab Republic) (April 2005)	<i>Arab Group</i>
First Vice-President:	Mr. Jorge Argüello (Argentina) (May 2006)	<i>Latin American Group</i>
Vice-Presidents:	T I T U L A R	S U B S T I T U T E
<i>African Group</i>	Mr. Albert Ndjavé-Djoye (Gabon) (April 2003)	Mr. Thiémelé Boa (Côte d'Ivoire) (April 2003)
<i>Arab Group</i>	<i>Current President</i>	Ms. Zahra Bitat (Algeria) (April 2003)
<i>Asia-Pacific Group</i>	Mr. Simon Patrice Morin (Indonesia) (April 2004)	Mr. Charanjit Singh Atwal (India) (May 2006)
<i>Eurasia Group</i>	Mr. Vasily Likhachev (Russian Federation) (May 2006)	Mr. Bato-Zhargal Zhambalnimbuev (Russian Federation) (April 2003)
<i>Latin American Group</i>	<i>Current First Vice-President</i>	Mr. Luis Fernando Duque García (Colombia) (April 2003)
<i>Twelve Plus Group</i>	Lord John Morris of Aberavon (United Kingdom) (April 2005)	Mr. Radu Podgorean (Romania) (April 2005)

SECOND STANDING COMMITTEE

President	Mr. Alexander Fomenko (Russian Federation) (April 2005)	<i>Eurasia Group</i>
First Vice-President	Mr. Patrice Martin-Lalande (France) (May 2006)	<i>Twelve Plus Group</i>
Vice-Presidents:	T I T U L A R	S U B S T I T U T E
<i>African Group</i>	Ms. Nora Schimming-Chase (Namibia) (April 2003)	Mr. Tierno Aliou Baniré Diallo (Guinea) (April 2003)
<i>Arab Group</i>	Mr. Osamah Abu Ghararah (Saudi Arabia) (May 2006)	Mr. Mostafa El Said (Egypt) (May 2006)
<i>Asia-Pacific Group</i>	Mr. Eduardo K. Veloso (Philippines) (April 2003)	Mr. Grant Chapman (Australia) (April 2004)
<i>Eurasia Group</i>	<i>Current President</i>	Mr. Vadim Popov (Belarus) (April 2003)
<i>Latin American Group</i>	Mr. Luis Alberto Heber (Uruguay) (April 2003)	Mr. Darío Vivas (Venezuela) (April 2003)
<i>Twelve Plus Group</i>	<i>Current First Vice-President</i>	<i>Vacancy</i>

THIRD STANDING COMMITTEE

President:	Mr. Jay-Kun Yoo (Republic of Korea) (April 2003)	<i>Asia-Pacific Group</i>
First Vice-President:	Ms. R. A. Kadaga (Uganda) (April 2003)	<i>African Group</i>
Vice-Presidents:	T I T U L A R	S U B S T I T U T E
<i>African Group</i>	<i>Current First Vice-President</i>	Mr. A. Baghin (Ghana) (April 2003)
<i>Arab Group</i>	Mr. Z. Azmy (Egypt) (April 2005)	Mr. A. El-Kadiri (Morocco) (April 2003)
<i>Asia-Pacific Group</i>	<i>Current President</i>	Mr. J.D. Seelam (India) (May 2006)
<i>Eurasia Group</i>	Mr. S. Zhalybin (Kazakhstan) (April 2003)	Mr. A. Felaliev (Tajikistan) (May 2006)
<i>Latin American Group</i>	Mr. J. Machuca (El Salvador) (April 2003)	Mr. L. Nicolini (Uruguay) (April 2005)
<i>Twelve Plus Group</i>	Ms. B. Gadiant (Switzerland) (April 2003)	Ms. R.M. Albernaz (Portugal) (October 2006)