

Promoting inclusive parliaments: The representation of minorities and indigenous peoples in parliament



Guidelines for completing the questionnaire

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The first phase of the project 'Promoting Inclusive Parliaments: The representation of minorities and indigenous peoples in parliament' involves collecting data on different aspects of inclusiveness in parliament. Please find below guidelines for completing the questionnaire:

- 1. The questionnaire has three parts:
 - Part A should be completed by the parliamentary authorities.
 - Part B by each parliamentary group
 - Part C by individual parliamentarians. The target is to obtain responses from 10% of parliamentarians in each chamber.
- 2. Data from Parts A and B will be entered into a publicly available online database. Data from Part C, on individual parliamentarians, will not be made publicly available. It will be aggregated and analyzed in a separate report.
- 3. We invite parliaments to complete Part A and to forward Part B to parliamentary groups and Part C to individual parliamentarians.
- 4. In bicameral parliaments, separate questionnaires should be completed for each chamber.
- 5. The questionnaires can be downloaded from http://www.ipu.org/minorities-e. Our preferred option is for respondents to complete the electronic version of the questionnaire. If this is not possible, the questionnaire can be completed in hard copy.
- 6. The questionnaires are available in English, French and Spanish. Upon request, IPU will pay for the translation and formatting of Part C in additional languages.
- 7. Completed questionnaires should be returned to IPU by **30 April 2009**.
- 8. For further details, please consult the IPU web site at http://www.ipu.org/minorities-e or contact Andy Richardson (e-mail: ar@mail.ipu.org; telephone: +41 22 919 4135) or Diane Sheinberg (e-mail: diane.sheinberg@undp.org; telephone: +1.212.906.5075)