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## Amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules

### *Amendment submitted by the Twelve Plus Group*

#### **Explanation submitted by Mr. Duarte Pacheco, President of the Twelve Plus Group, in his letter dated 17 December 2019.**

This amendment to the IPU Statutes and Rules derives from the difficulties that sometimes arise when Bureau members are unable to attend the meetings of the Standing Committee that elected them. When office holders are elected in their own capacity (not by their country or geopolitical group), they cannot be replaced by members of their delegation.

Following a discussion, the Twelve Plus Group decided on this amendment regarding the replacement of members of Standing Committee Bureaux to enable the Bureaux to work more effectively.

### **Rules of the Standing Committees**

#### **III. Bureaux**

##### **Rule 7**

Amend Rule 7.1 to read as follows:

7.1 Each Standing Committee shall elect a Bureau composed of three representatives **and three substitutes**<sup>1</sup> of each of the existing geopolitical groups, which shall designate to each Bureau not more than two candidates of the same sex (**as both titular and substitute members**<sup>2</sup>). The President of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians and the President of the Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians shall be ex officio members of each Bureau. Every effort shall be made to include young parliamentarians and encourage candidatures from new Members of the IPU as well as Members that do not hold other offices in the IPU.

<sup>1</sup> The original proposal by the Twelve Plus Group used "alternate representatives"; the term "substitutes" has been chosen to ensure consistency throughout the IPU Statutes and Rules.

<sup>2</sup> Although this qualification was not in the original proposal, it has been added to ensure the amended rule remains in line with IPU policy on gender equality.