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Provisional agenda of the 207th session of the Governing Council

May 2021

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Adoption of the Special Rules of Procedure for the virtual sessions of the Assembly and Standing Committees

The Special Rules of Procedure have been prepared by the Working Group tasked with preparing the virtual session of the Assembly, with the support of the IPU Secretariat and the independent Legal Counsel, and endorsed by the Executive Committee. They are designed to adapt certain existing Rules, which will be temporarily suspended, to the specificities of a virtual session. The Special Rules of Procedure are being circulated well in advance to the full membership of the IPU and will be formally adopted at the first sitting of the virtual session.

3. Approval of the summary records of the 206th session of the Governing Council (CL/206/SR)

The summary records were sent to all Members on 18 January 2021 and are available on the IPU website at <u>www.ipu.org/event/extraordinary-session-ipu-governing-council#event-sub-page-documents</u>

4. Vision of the IPU President and report on his activities since the 206th session of the Governing Council

The President will share his vision for the IPU. He will report on his activities and on the activities of the Executive Committee since the last session of the Governing Council.

5. Annual IPU Impact Report by the Secretary General on the activities of the IPU in 2020

The Governing Council will receive an update on the implementation of the Strategy for 2017-2021. It will also receive an overview of the status of the strategic partnership between the IPU and the United Nations.

6. Elections to the Executive Committee and other IPU bodies

The Governing Council will elect one member to replace Mr. A. Abdel Aal (Egypt), whose term is due to end at the 207th session of the Governing Council – the vacancy is to be filled by a man or a woman from the Arab Group.

The Governing Council will also be called upon to elect six members of the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians and two members of the Committee on Middle East Questions. The members of these two Committees are elected in their individual capacity, on the basis of their knowledge and experience in these respective areas.

The Governing Council will be invited to endorse the nominations received from the Geopolitical Groups of MPs to fill vacancies on the various subsidiary bodies of the Council.

7. Financial results for 2020

The Governing Council will be informed of the financial results for 2020.

8. Questions relating to IPU membership

- (a) Achieving universal membership The Governing Council will be updated on the current membership situation and be informed of initiatives undertaken with a view to achieving universal membership.
- (b) Situation of certain parliaments

9. Future Inter-Parliamentary meetings

10. Activities of committees and other bodies

- (a) Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians
- (b) Forum of Women Parliamentarians
- (c) Committee on Middle East Questions
- (d) Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law
- (e) Gender Partnership Group
- (f) Advisory Group on Health
- (g) Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU
- (h) High-Level Advisory Group on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism (HLAG)

11. Other business