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Provisional agenda of the 208th session of the Governing Council

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1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Approval of the summary records of the 207th session of the Governing Council**
The summary records have been sent to all Members and are available on the IPU website at <https://www.ipu.org/file/12758/download>.
3. **Election of the President of the 143rd Assembly**
4. **Report of the President**
 - (a) On his activities since the 207th 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 207th session of the Governing Council.**
The Secretary General will brief the Council on IPU activities since its previous session and provide an overview of the main achievements of the IPU Strategy for 2017-2021.
6. **Adoption of the new IPU strategy 2022-2026**
The Governing Council will be invited to adopt the new IPU strategy drafted following an inclusive consultation process under the leadership of the IPU President and Executive Committee.
7. **Financial situation of the IPU**
8. **Consolidated budget for 2022**
The Governing Council will be invited to adopt the consolidated budget for 2022.
9. **Questions relating to IPU membership and observer status**
 - (a) Situation of IPU membership and requests for observer status
Further to the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Governing Council will be invited to approve the request for Associate Member status received from the Pan-African Parliament, as well as the requests for Permanent Observer status received from the G5 Sahel Interparliamentary Committee, the Parliamentary Forum on Small Arms and Light Weapons (PF-SALW), the International Parliamentary Network for Education (IPNEd) and the Sovereign Order of Malta.
 - (b) Situation of certain parliaments
The Governing Council will receive an update on the situation of certain parliaments.

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10. Fifth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament (5WCSP) and related meetings

The Governing Council will be briefed on the outcome of and follow-up to the Fifth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament, the Thirteenth Summit of Women Speakers of Parliament, and the First Global Parliamentary Summit on Counter-Terrorism.

11. Reports on recent IPU specialized meetings

12. Future inter-parliamentary meetings

13. Reporting by Members on IPU-related activities

The Governing Council will hear a report based on responses received from Members on follow-up to IPU resolutions and other decisions.

14. Activities of committees and other bodies

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

15. Appointment of two internal auditors for 2022

(cf. Rule 41 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 Governing Council)

The Governing Council will elect three members of the Executive Committee to replace:

- *Mr. D. McGuinty (Canada) and Ms. L. Fehlmann Rielle (Switzerland), whose terms end at the 208th session of the Governing Council – two vacancies to be filled by one man and one woman, both from the Twelve Plus Group.*
- *Mr. G. Gali Ngothé (Chad), who is no longer a parliamentarian – one vacancy to be filled by one man from the African Group.*

17. Appointment of a Secretary General for a period of four years

(1 July 2022 – 30 June 2026)

Proposal of the Executive Committee (cf. Articles 21(l) and 26.2(h) of the Statutes and Rule 3 of the Secretariat)

The Council will be called upon to appoint a Secretary General. During a sitting of its 286th session held online on 21 July, the Executive Committee unanimously recommended that the incumbent Secretary General be reappointed for a further term of office.

18. The IPU Cremer-Passy Prize

The Governing Council will be invited to endorse the roadmap for the implementation of the first edition of the new IPU Cremer/Passy award prize. In addition, a short promotional clip will be played on this prize.

19. Other business