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## Election of the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

(Article 19 of the Statutes and Rules 6, 7 and 8 of  
the Rules of the Governing Council)

Candidature

of

**Ms. Tulia ACKSON (United Republic of Tanzania)**

On 16 June 2023, the Secretary General received a communication from the Speaker of the National Assembly of the United Republic of Tanzania, Ms. Tulia Ackson, submitting her candidature for the office of President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, which is to be filled at the 212th session of the Governing Council.

The text of this communication and the additional materials received in support of this candidature can be found attached.

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**COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL  
BY THE SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA**

RE: Submission of my candidature for the position of President of IPU

Dodoma, 16 June 2023

Reference is made to the above-mentioned subject.

Mr. Secretary General, as you are well aware, the tenure of office of the current President of the Inter-Parliamentary-Union (IPU) will come to an end at the 147th IPU Assembly, scheduled to take place in Luanda, Angola from 23rd to 27th October, 2023.

I therefore have the pleasure to officially submit my Candidature for the position of the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union for the period of 2023 to 2026 in accordance with Article 19 of the IPU Statutes as well as the Governing Council Rules 6 to 11.

I certify that both my Parliament and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania support my candidature for IPU President. I also confirm that, if elected to this position, I will be available to work full-time for the IPU.

I have attached my brief personal profile with explanations as to why I believe I am qualified for this position.

Accept, Mr. Secretary General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed)

Tulia ACKSON (Ms.)  
Speaker of the National Assembly of the United  
Republic of Tanzania



**I believe that establishing new and innovative strategies is essential for resolving IPU's challenges in its pursuit of achieving meaningful peace and sustainable global prosperity.**

The Rt. Hon. Dr. Tulia Ackson



## MY VISION

The world is faced with complex developments, and is being tested by unprecedented multifaceted challenges, ranging from the effects of climate change, socio-economic challenges, inter-state conflicts and threats to peace and security, that have wide-ranging ramifications to developed and developing countries. Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), a global organization with almost universal membership, brings together National Parliamentarians to deliberate and offer solutions, to a myriad of these challenges, through dialogue among Parliamentarians. As a devoted Member of the IPU since 1984, the United Republic of Tanzania, has been collaborating with other Members to realize IPU's shared values of peace, justice, tolerance, respect, and solidarity.





Since becoming a Member of Parliament in the United Republic of Tanzania in 2015, I have had a privilege to participate in activities, including meetings of IPU, and gained an understanding of its vision and mission, and the role it plays in the world. As the current President of African Geopolitical Group in IPU, I have been able to contribute to the work of IPU, especially in its quest to address challenges facing the world, and to ensure sustainable development in the World. With the knowledge, experience, and leadership skills I have acquired over the years, I am convinced that, I am an ideal candidate for the position of President.



If elected, I will work with fellow members to achieve the following:

- Improve IPU's effectiveness, transparency and accountability;
- Spearhead reforms in the IPU, for peaceful coexistence and global prosperity;
- Ensure effective participation and representation of Geopolitical Groups in the Organs of IPU;
- Advocate for increased women representation in National Parliaments,
- Ensure implementation of IPU's Resolutions and Decisions;
- Strengthen IPU cooperation with United Nations, Regional Interparliamentary Organizations, and other stakeholders; and
- Ensure regular consultations within, and between the Geopolitical groups of IPU.

If elected, I will be the first female President of IPU from the African continent. As IPU President, I will serve diligently and tirelessly, to address a myriad of challenges facing the world, and strive to realize the goals and aspiration of the IPU. I therefore humbly count on your support and endorsement of my candidature.



The Rt. Hon. Dr. Tulia Ackson

The Rt. Hon. Dr. Tulia Ackson is a dynamic and committed person, a distinctive politician, a remarkable lawyer, and a distinguished academician, who has demonstrated outstanding leadership skills throughout her career. Prior to becoming Speaker of the National Assembly of the United Republic of Tanzania in February 2022, the post she is holding to date, Hon. Tulia served as Deputy Speaker and Member of Parliament from 2015 to 2022. She also served as Deputy Attorney General of the United Republic of Tanzania for a brief period in 2015. Her appointment as Deputy Attorney General of the United Republic of Tanzania followed her outstanding contribution as a Presidential-Appointed Member of the Tanzania's Constitutional Assembly.

As Speaker and Member of Parliament for Mbeya Urban Constituency, Hon. Tulia has participated in numerous IPU meetings, including but not limited to the 144<sup>th</sup> to 146<sup>th</sup> Assemblies of the IPU, the 51<sup>st</sup> Assembly Session of the Southern African Development Community Parliamentary Forum, the 65<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC) and several ACP-EU Parliamentary Assemblies. Currently she is serving as President of the African Geopolitical Group in the IPU, the Speaker of the National Assembly of the United Republic of Tanzania, Member of Parliament for Mbeya Urban Constituency and Chairperson of the Investment Board of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) African Region.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Speaker, Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania, February 2022 to-date;
- Member of Parliament from Mbeya Urban Constituency, October 2020 to- date;
- Deputy Speaker, Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania, November 2015 to February 2022;
- Deputy Attorney General of the United Republic of Tanzania, (September 2015 to November 2015);
- Associate Dean, Faculty of Law of the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, (July 2012 to December 2014);
- Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law of the University of Dar es Salaam, (July 2011 to 2015);
- Lecturer, Faculty of Law of the University of Dar es Salaam, (2007 to June 2011); and
- Assistant Lecturer, Faculty of Law of the University of Dar es Salaam (2004 to November 2007).

## **MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER LEADERSHIP ROLES**

- President of the African Geopolitical Group in the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), October 2022 to-date;
- Chairperson of the Parliamentary Service Commission of the National Assembly of Tanzania, February 2022 to to-date;
- Chairperson of the Investment Board of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) African Region, February 2022 to-date;
- Member of the Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC) February 2022 to-date; and
- Advocate of the High Court of Tanzania and Member of Tanganyika Law Society.



## **EDUCATION**

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), University of Cape Town (2007)
- Master of Laws, University of Dar es Salaam (2003)
- Bachelor of Laws, University of Dar es Salaam (2001)

## **LANGUAGES**

- Kiswahili – Fluent
- English – Fluent
- French – Moderate

**I believe this is the right time to spearhead reforms in the IPU that would make it a most effective global institution in promoting peaceful coexistence and global prosperity.**

The Rt. Hon. Dr. Tulia Ackson

