

Regulations and rules determining the gender composition of IPU committees and working groups

Bodies	Measures	Required proportion
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	Yes	Minimum of 5 members of either sex among the 15 elected members ¹ (a minimum of 33%) The President of the IPU, the President of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians and the President of the Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians are ex officio members
BUREAUX OF STANDING COMMITTEES	Yes	Not more than 2 out of 3 candidates of the same sex (a minimum of 33%) The President of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians and the President of the Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians are ex officio members
COMMITTEE ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF PARLIAMENTARIANS	Yes	Gender parity in principle (50%) but a 40%-60% proportion required
COMMITTEE ON MIDDLE EAST QUESTIONS	Yes	No more than 6 of the 12 elected members shall be of the same sex (50%) There are an additional 2 ex officio members (one from Israel, one from Palestine)
GROUP OF FACILITATORS FOR CYPRUS	No	Gender balance is stated as an objective
IHL COMMITTEE	Yes	Each geopolitical group will be represented by one man and one woman (50%)
IPU ADVISORY GROUP ON HEALTH	No	Gender balance is stated as an objective
HIGH-LEVEL ADVISORY GROUP ON COUNTERING TERRORISM AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM	No	Gender balance is stated as an objective
BOARD OF IPU FORUM OF YOUNG PARLIAMENTARIANS	Yes	Each geopolitical group will be represented by one man and one woman (50%)
WORKING GROUP ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY	Yes	Gender parity must be ensured The President of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians and the President of the Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians are ex officio members

¹ Groups with 4 seats will include an equal number of men and women; Groups with 3 seats will include at least one man and one woman; Groups with 2 seats will include an equal number of men and women; Groups with 1 seat will ensure that the seat is held at least by a man and a woman over three terms.