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Amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules – sub-amendments and other feedback from the membership

Introduction

In 2023, a broad consultation began on possible amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules, further to which proposals were gathered from Member Parliaments, the geopolitical groups, the IPU's specialized bodies, and the IPU Secretariat. The proposals were studied extensively by a Working Group established by the Executive Committee. A first set of amendments stemming from that process was approved at the 149th Assembly in Geneva in October 2024.

On 6 January 2025, a second set of proposed amendments was submitted to IPU Member Parliaments for consideration and eventual approval at the 150th Assembly. In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Statutes and Rules, Member Parliaments were invited to submit any sub-amendments by the deadlines of 22 February 2025 (amendments to the Statutes) and 8 March 2025 (amendments to the Rules).

Three Member Parliaments availed themselves of the opportunity to provide feedback and propose sub-amendments, namely Belgium, Qatar and South Sudan.

The request received from **Qatar** related to the proposed harmonization of the deadlines for the Secretariat to produce summary records of the various IPU bodies, by no later than 30 days before the subsequent session of the body in question. The delegation proposed that such records should be distributed to IPU Member Parliaments within 30 days of the sessions of each body. The Secretariat explained that such a timeline was not practically possible, since the production of summary records involved a meticulous process of précis-writing, editing, vetting, translation into French and proofreading, which generally takes two to three months after the conclusion of each Assembly. The Secretariat reminded the delegation that a Results brochure, containing a brief overview of the proceedings and all main decisions taken by the IPU's bodies, was published as soon as possible after the conclusion of each Assembly.

The sub-amendments proposed by **Belgium** and **South Sudan** are detailed below.

No reservations or sub-amendments were expressed on the rest of the [proposed amendments](#), which may be considered ready for adoption on the occasion of the 150th IPU Assembly.

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**Sub-amendments to the Rules submitted by the delegations of Belgium
and South Sudan within the statutory deadline of one month
before the meeting of the Assembly**

Modify the original amendment as follows*:

Rules of the Assembly	
Rule 11.2bis	<p>11.2bis Without prejudice to the strict application of Article 11.2b, the Steering Committee shall give its opinion on the admissibility of proposals and propose an ad hoc procedure for the overall emergency item process, for approval by the Assembly.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Belgium)</i></p>

Comment:

The intent of this sub-amendment is to definitively rule out the possibility of the Assembly adding more than one emergency item to its agenda. The justification from Belgium was as follows: "The discussion of a single emergency item already dominates the Assembly to an excessive degree, taking up a lot of time and causing tense discussions and deep divisions. This time and energy would be better used for constructive parliamentary work in committees and working groups, and not for an additional emergency item as mentioned in the justification for the original amendment."

Modify the original amendment as follows*:

Rules of the Executive Committee	
Rule 5	<p>2. A Vice-President of the IPU shall be appointed elected by the Executive Committee each year from among its members, at its last first session following the election of a new President or whenever a vacancy arises, to replace the President of the IPU in case of the latter's absence, or to exercise the latter's functions until such time as a new President is elected by the Governing Council in case of resignation, loss of parliamentary mandate, death, or of the suspension of the rights or affiliation of the Member Parliament of the IPU to which the President belongs. An endeavour shall be made to ensure that the Vice-President is of the opposite sex and a different geopolitical group to the President, and that there is regular rotation between among the different geopolitical groups.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(South Sudan)</i></p>

Comment:

The proposed amendment is a valid linguistic correction to the English text as there are currently six geopolitical groups.

* The text highlighted in grey represents the proposed sub-amendments.