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Amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules

The IPU Working Group on amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules held two online meetings on 20 and 27 November 2024 to continue consideration of proposals received from the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians and the group of SADC parliaments, as well as outstanding issues from the previous round of proposals received in 2024. On 12 December 2024, the Executive Committee held an online meeting to review the submissions received from the Working Group, and made a series of adjustments.

By the deadlines of 22 February 2025 (amendments to the Statutes) and 8 March 2025 (amendments to the Rules), several Member Parliaments had availed themselves of the opportunity to provide feedback and propose sub-amendments. The admissible sub-amendments and clarifications from the Secretariat on several related points were sent to the membership on 18 March 2025 ([A/150/9-P.1-Am](#)).

At its meeting on 3 April 2025, the Executive Committee invited the Working Group on amendments to the Statutes and Rules to continue its reflections on the emergency item process based on the experience of potentially allowing two emergency items at the 150th Assembly.

This document contains the final proposed amendments to the Statutes and the Rules of the Assembly. The Assembly is invited to adopt these amendments.

A separate document (CL/215/7-P.1-rev) has been submitted to the Governing Council with the final proposed amendments to the Rules of the Governing Council, the Rules of the Executive Committee, the Rules of the Standing Committees, the Rules of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians and the Rules of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians.

Amendments to the Statutes

Article 1

4bis. In all of its work and functioning the IPU shall mainstream a gender perspective and apply a human rights-based approach. In particular, it shall foster gender-balanced representation in its structures and deliberations, with the ultimate goal of achieving overall parity (1).

Add footnote: **(1) Parity is understood as a 50:50 ratio. In practice, given the diversity in modalities for representation, gender balance or alternation of each sex should be pursued. Gender balance is understood as being as close to 50:50 as possible, including a 40:60 ratio or a rule by which no sex outnumbers the least represented sex by more than 2. Alternation implies that men and women share or rotate in leadership positions.**

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Article 10

1. The Assembly shall be composed of parliamentarians designated as delegates by the Member Parliaments and Associate Members. Member Parliaments and Associate Members shall include men and women parliamentarians in their delegation and shall strive to ensure their equal representation. **Member Parliaments and Associate Members shall also strive to include in their delegations young parliamentarians, parliamentarians with disabilities and parliamentarians representing vulnerable groups.**

Article 25

2. The President of the IPU shall be ~~ex-officio~~ President of the Executive Committee. Fifteen members shall be elected by the Governing Council. ~~Each sex shall be represented by no less than one third of the elected members.~~ **An endeavour shall be made to ensure gender balance in the composition of the Executive Committee.**

Article 31

1. Any proposal to amend the Statutes shall be submitted in writing to the IPU Secretariat at least ~~three~~ **two** months before the meeting of the Assembly. The IPU Secretariat will immediately communicate all such proposals to the Member Parliaments of the IPU. The consideration of such proposed amendments shall be automatically placed on the agenda of the Assembly.

2. Any sub-amendments shall be submitted in writing to the IPU Secretariat at least ~~six weeks~~ **one month** before the meeting of the Assembly. The Secretariat will immediately communicate all such sub-amendments to the Member Parliaments of the IPU.

Amendments to the Rules of the Assembly

Rule 14 and Rule 15.3

Delete these Rules and replace with a new Rule 11.2bis, as follows:

11.2bis 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.

Rule 17

1. Any delegate may submit amendments relating to the draft resolutions prepared by the rapporteurs on the subject item included in the agenda approved by the Assembly. They shall be deposited with the IPU Secretariat no later than 21 days before the opening of the Assembly. However, the Forum of Women Parliamentarians **and the Forum of Young Parliamentarians** shall be permitted to submit amendments incorporating a gender **or youth** perspective at any time prior to the closure of the first sitting of the respective Standing Committee (cf. Standing Committees, Rule 13.2).

Rule 38

1. The summary record of the proceedings shall be published and distributed **as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days** before the following Assembly.

Rule 40

2. Proposals for amending the Rules of the Assembly shall be formulated in writing and sent to the IPU Secretariat at least ~~three~~ **two** months before the Assembly meets. The Secretariat shall communicate such proposals immediately to all Member Parliaments of the IPU. It shall also, if necessary, communicate to all Member Parliaments any proposals for sub-amendments at least one month before the meeting of the Assembly.