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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 (CL/215/7-P.1-Am).

At its meeting on 3 April 2025, the Executive Committee examined the sub-amendments received and endorsed the consolidated set of proposed amendments.

This document contains 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. The Governing Council is invited to adopt these amendments.

A separate document (A/150/9-P.1-rev) has been submitted to the Assembly with the final proposed amendments to the Statutes and the Rules of the Assembly.

Amendments to the Rules of the Governing Council

Rule 42

2. It shall prepare provisional summary records of the meetings which shall be circulated to all Member Parliaments of the IPU ~~within 60 days of the close of the session and~~ **as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days before the following session of the Governing Council, when they will be** submitted for approval ~~by the Governing Council at the opening of its next session~~.

Rule 44

2. Proposals for amending the Governing Council's Rules shall be formulated in writing and sent to the IPU Secretariat at least ~~three~~ **two** months before the next meeting of the Governing Council. The Secretariat shall communicate such proposals immediately to all Member Parliaments of the IPU. It shall communicate any proposals for sub-amendments at least one month before the meeting of the Governing Council.

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Amendments to the Rules of the Executive Committee

Rule 5

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 the different geopolitical groups.**

3. The Executive Committee shall appoint six Vice-Presidents of the Executive Committee **from among its members**, nominated by each of the geopolitical groups respectively, who shall assist the President of the IPU in his/her work between statutory sessions. **An endeavour shall be made to ensure gender parity among the six Vice-Presidents of the Executive Committee.**

Rule 13

3. The Sub-Committee on Finance shall be composed of one representative from each of the geopolitical groups, selected from among the Executive Committee members. **An endeavour shall be made to ensure gender balance in the composition of the Sub-Committee on Finance.**

Rule 15

2. It shall prepare provisional summary records of the sessions, which shall be sent to the members of the Committee ~~within 40 days of the close of each session and~~ **as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days before the following session of the Executive Committee, when they will be** submitted for ~~their~~ approval ~~at the opening of the next session~~.

Rule 16

2. Proposals to amend the Rules of the Executive Committee must be formulated in writing and sent to the IPU Secretariat at least ~~three~~ **two** months before the next meeting of the Committee. The Secretariat shall immediately communicate such proposals, as well as any proposals for sub-amendments, to the members of the Committee.

Rules of the Sub-Committee on Finance

Rule 3

1. ~~Bearing in mind the need to strive for geographical representation and gender balance, the~~ **The** Sub-Committee shall be composed of ~~six members of both sexes,~~ one **representative** from each **of the** geopolitical groups, selected from among the Executive Committee members. **An endeavour shall be made to ensure gender balance in the composition of the Sub-Committee on Finance.**

2. The Sub-Committee shall elect a President from among its members. **An endeavour shall be made to ensure gender and geopolitical rotation at each election of the President.**

Amendments to the Rules of the Standing Committees

Rule 13

2. The IPU Secretariat shall send the draft resolution and the explanatory memorandum to the Member Parliaments and Associate Members in advance of the session. Member Parliaments and Associate Members may propose amendments to the draft resolution 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 which incorporate a gender **or youth** perspective into the draft resolutions at any time prior to the closure of the first sitting of the respective Standing Committee. The Committee will finalize the draft resolution and submit it to the Assembly for adoption (cf. Assembly Rule 17.1).

Rule 42

2. It shall prepare the provisional summary record of the meetings, which shall be circulated to all Member Parliaments and Associate Members of the IPU **as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days** before the following session of the Standing Committee, when it will be submitted for approval at the opening sitting.

Rule 43

2. Proposals for amending the Standing Committees' Rules shall be formulated in writing and sent to the IPU Secretariat at least ~~three~~ **two** months before the next meeting of the Governing Council. The IPU Secretariat shall communicate such proposals immediately to all Member Parliaments of the IPU. It shall communicate any proposals for sub-amendments at least one month before the meeting of the Governing Council.

Amendments to the Forum of Women Parliamentarians

Rule 36

2. The IPU Secretariat shall prepare the provisional summary record of the meetings, which shall be circulated to Member Parliaments and Associate Members ~~within 60 days of the close of each session and~~ **as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days before the following session of the Forum, when they will be** submitted for ~~the Forum's~~ approval ~~at the opening of the next session~~.

Rule 39

1. Any proposal to amend the Rules of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians must be formulated in writing and sent to the IPU Secretariat at least ~~three~~ **two** months before the next session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians and of the Governing Council. The Secretariat shall communicate such proposals immediately to all Member Parliaments and Associate Members of the IPU. It shall also send them any proposals for sub-amendments at least one month before the next session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians and the Governing Council.

Amendments to the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians

Rule 17

2. Proposals to amend the Rules of the Bureau must be formulated in writing and sent to the IPU Secretariat at least ~~three~~ **two** months before the next meeting of the Bureau. The Secretariat shall communicate such proposals immediately to all members of the Bureau and shall do likewise with any proposals for sub-amendments.