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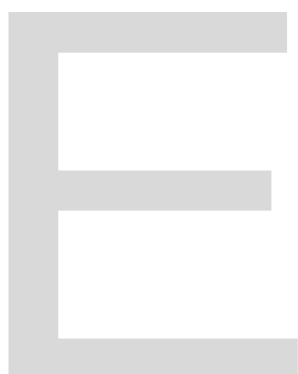
Candidature

of

Ms. Ivonne PASSADA (Uruguay)

On 5 June 2017, the Secretary General received a communication from the President of the General Assembly and the Senate of Uruguay concerning the candidature of Ms. Ivonne Passada, and a communication from the candidate herself, for the office of President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, which is to be filled at the 201st session of the Governing Council.

The text of these communications and Ms. I. Passada's curriculum vitae are to be found in Annexes I, II and III.



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**COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL BY THE PRESIDENT
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SENATE OF URUGUAY**

Montevideo, 5 June 2017

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

In view of the forthcoming election of the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, which will take place during the 137th IPU Assembly in St. Petersburg, from 14 to 18 October 2017, I am pleased to submit Senator Ivonne Passada's candidature, which, I should emphasize, has the full backing of both the Parliament and the Government of Uruguay.

In the context of the efforts to ensure rotation between the different geopolitical groups and given the fact heading the IPU now falls to the Group of Latin America and Caribbean, we hereby submit Senator Ivonne Passada's candidature to that office. With her long experience with the Inter-Parliamentary Union, notably as a member of its Executive Committee until October 2015, whereby she demonstrated her dynamism and sense of engagement, Ms. Passada has been GRULAC President since October 2016. Elected IPU Vice-President in 2012 and re-elected for a further term in 2013, she represented the Organization on numerous occasions. The manner in which she discharged her duties as a member of the sub-Committee on Finance and of the Gender Partnership Group and as a member of the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians is testimony of her commitment to gender equality.

Ms. Passada was elected to the House of Representatives in 2005, and was re-elected for a further term in 2010, when she became Speaker (until 2011). She was thereafter elected to the Uruguayan Senate in 2015 and has since been the Senate Vice-President. It goes without saying that Senator Passada's rich political experience will be an asset in meeting the big challenges facing the IPU in protecting peace, democracy and human rights.

Thanking you in advance for your attention to this candidature, please accept, Mr. Secretary General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Raúl SENDIC
President of the General Assembly
and the Senate of Uruguay

**COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL
BY MS. IVONNE PASSADA, SENATOR, URUGUAY**

Montevideo, 5 June 2017

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I have the pleasure to inform you that with the support of both my Parliament and my Government, I have decided to submit my candidature for the office of President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, which will be filled via the elections due to be held in October on the occasion of the 137th IPU Assembly in St. Petersburg.

I have made this decision based on my strong commitment to the Inter-Parliamentary Union where I have had long history of service starting in 2010. In that time, I have uninterruptedly attended all the IPU statutory Assemblies and have also held a number of senior positions, including as member of the Executive Committee between 2011 and 2015 and as Vice-President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union for two successive years (2012-2014). Owing to the duties I performed within the IPU Executive Committee, I served on the Sub-Committee on Finance and the Gender Partnership Group, and have also been an ex officio member of the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians. In October 2016, I was elected President of the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean, and I am still serving in that capacity.

I consider it an honour to put the experience I have gained in the course of my political career, begun more than thirty years ago with my service within trade unions, and my extensive political experience, begun over a decade ago, including as Speaker of the House of Representatives from 2010 to 2011, to defending the principles of our Organization through parliamentary diplomacy and the IPU Strategy for 2017-2021, with a view to ensuring universal membership, the IPU being the world's oldest political body.

Moreover, given the IPU's stance throughout its history and the endeavour made to ensure a regular rotation, for the post of President, of the different geopolitical groups, a mechanism that must be maintained, we believe that this high office now falls to the Geopolitical Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC), and should be held by a woman. It is noteworthy that the Organisation has had a woman President only once (1999-2002) and that in its 127 years of existence, it has been headed only three times by a representative from our region.

These being difficult times for our world owing to the many conflicts and natural disasters, our commitment to realizing the Sustainable Development Goals is stronger than ever. Democracy, peace, the protection of human rights and the advancement of gender equality are all fundamental principles which I am prepared to defend on assuming this high office.

Finally, allow me to reiterate that my candidature has the full backing of both the Parliament and Government of my country. They will provide me with all the support I need in the performance of my duties as President.

Thanking you in advance for your attention to my candidature, accept, Mr. Secretary General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Ivonne PASSADA (Ms.)
Senator, Uruguay



Senator Ivonne PASSADA
Uruguay

Activities in the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

- President of the Group of Latin-America and the Caribbean (GRULAC) (2016-2018)
- Permanent Member of the Uruguayan IPU Group (2010–2015/2015-2020)
- Member, GRULAC Bureau (2011–2015)
- Vice-President of the IPU (2012–2013)
- Re-elected Vice-President of the IPU (2013–2014)
- Member, IPU Executive Committee (2011– 2015)
- Member, IPU Sub-Committee on Finance
- Member, IPU Gender Partnership Group
- Ex-officio Member, Coordinating Committee on Women Parliamentarians (2011-2015)
- Member, Preparatory Committee, 4th World Conference of Speakers of Parliaments (2014)
- Member, Sub-Committee on the future IPU-UN Cooperation Agreement (2014-2015)
- Joint President, Uruguayan IPU Group (2010 – 2011)
- Participated uninterruptedly in all IPU Assemblies and GRULAC sessions (2010 – 2017)

Parliamentary Activity

- Senator of the Republic (2015 – 2020)
- First Vice-President of the Senate (2015)
- Speaker of the House of Representatives (2010 – 2011)
- Elected as Member of the House of Representatives for the Department of Montevideo (MPP) (2005 – 2010) (2010 – 2015)
President, Political Committee of the Government School (2010 – 2015)
- President, Public Health Committee (2016)
Member, Education and Culture Committee (2015–2020)
Member, Labour Committee (2015–2020)
- Member, Special Committee on Public Security and Coexistence (2015-2020); Vice-President (2017)
- Member, Prison Conditions Committee, General Assembly (2015-2020); President (2017)

Political Party Activities

- Political Party: Broad Front (*Frente Amplio*) – MPP - Governing Party
- President, Social Affairs Committee, Broad Front Party (*Frente Amplio*)
- Founder of the Popular Participation Movement (*Movimiento de Participación Popular* - (MPP), Vice-President, Broad Front Party (*Frente Amplio*) (2012 – 2015)

Trade Union Background

At the end of the military dictatorship (1973 – 1985), she clandestinely joined the Uruguay Education Unions. She has been social and political activist; a prominent leader of the AFUTU Union [UTU (*Universidad del Trabajo del Uruguay*, Uruguay University of Work) Staff Union]; Member and General Coordinator of the PIT-CNT Bureau (Single Central of Workers); former Representative for the Education Unions of the Southern Cone; Member, the PIT-CNT, FA-EP-NM and Union Organizations Relations Committee (2003 – 2004); Member of Consultative Council of the Mexico-based Confederation of American Educators (CEA); General Coordinator for the Research Project on Educational Reforms in the Southern Cone, sponsored by the Education Unions of Canada - Quebec. Currently Member of the Advisory Board of American Parliamentarians (Education Sector), of the Confederation of American Educators (CAE).

Education

Sociology studies; technical and professional course on teaching prevention of work-related accidents; Professor, UTU, with focus on young people with learning difficulties and those likely to drop out of school; Teaching Associate at the UTU Headquarters in Malvin Norte, where she performed a variety of duties with the technical staff in charge of school drop-outs; she participated in those activities from 1984 to 2004.

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