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Vacancies¹ to be filled during the 139th Assembly

Executive Committee

On 18 October, the Governing Council will elect **three members**, as follows:

- African Group** : One vacancy, to be filled by a man, to replace Ms. F. Benbadis (Algeria) whose Executive Committee term ends at the 203rd session of the Governing Council.
- Asia-Pacific Group** : One vacancy, to be filled by a woman, to replace Mr. S. Suzuki (Japan) whose Executive Committee term ends at the 203rd session of the Governing Council.
- Twelve Plus Group** : One vacancy, to be filled by a man, to replace Mr. R. del Picchia (France) whose Executive Committee term ends at the 203rd session of the Governing Council.

Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 17 October 2018.

Bureau of Women Parliamentarians

On 14 October, the Forum of Women Parliamentarians will be required to fill the following seats of the **Bureau of Women Parliamentarians**:

- one regional representative for the Asia-Pacific Group (end of term March 2022);
- two regional representatives for the Twelve Plus Group, to replace Ms. P. Locatelli (to complete her term ending March 2020) and Ms. U. Karlsson (to complete her term ending March 2022). These last two representatives are no longer members of parliament.

Candidatures from the respective geopolitical group may be submitted in writing up to Sunday, 14 October, 12 noon to the Submission and Control of Documents office (office no. 224/225, second floor of the CICG). Candidatures should be accompanied by a signed cover letter from the geopolitical group and a brief curriculum vitae (3 paragraphs maximum) in English or French, for distribution to participants.

¹ *When submitting candidatures (Submission and Control of Documents office (office no. 224/225, second floor of the CICG), delegations are requested also to return the contact information form in Annex 2 of the Assembly Convocation – see <https://www.ipu.org/download/5026>*

The Bureau of Women Parliamentarians shall also be called on to nominate for the consideration of the Forum a candidate to the post of First Vice President which has become vacant on account of its incumbent, Ms. S. Kihika (Kenya), having acceded to the Presidency, in accordance with Rule 4.4 of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians.

Committee on Middle East Questions

On 18 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect:

- **Four members** to replace Mr. R. Munawar (Indonesia), Mr. M. Tašner Vatovec (Slovenia), and Mr. F. Müri (Switzerland) whose terms of office expire at the end of the 203rd session of the Governing Council; and Ms. M. Guerra (Mexico) who is no longer a member of parliament.

According to the Rules of the Committee, the Committee shall comprise a total of 14 members, of whom two are ex officio (Israel and Palestine). Rule 2.2 states that: "*No more than seven of the members shall be of the same sex and as many of the geopolitical groups as possible shall be represented on the Committee*". The membership of the Committee without the outgoing members includes 4 men and 6 women, therefore three male and one female members need to be nominated.

Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 17 October 2018.

Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

On 18 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect:

- **One member** (male) from the Asia-Pacific Group to replace Mr. Raza Hayat Harraj (Pakistan) who is no longer a member of parliament;
- **One member** (female) from the Twelve Plus Group to replace Ms. M. Green (Sweden) who is no longer a member of parliament; and
- **Three members** (one male member from Eurasia; one female member from the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC); and one male member from Africa) to replace the current members who fall within the provisions of Rule 2.4 of the Rules of the IHL Committee "*If a member of the Committee fails to attend more than two consecutive sessions, he or she shall be replaced through an election*".

Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 17 October 2018.

Appointment of two Internal Auditors for the 2019 accounts

On 18 October, the Governing Council will appoint **two Internal Auditors** for the 2019 fiscal year. They will be expected to present their report to the Governing Council at the first statutory session of the IPU in 2020. Parliamentarians interested in submitting their candidature for this position should preferably have prior experience either in a parliamentary finance or audit committee.

Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 17 October 2018.

Standing Committee Bureaux

Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

There are **two vacancies** to be filled by the following Groups:

- Eurasia Group** : One vacancy to be filled by a man or a woman
- Twelve Plus Group** : One vacancy, to be filled by a woman.

In addition, the Bureau members from Pakistan and Thailand are completing their first two-year term and are eligible for re-election for a second term.

Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade

There are **three vacancies** to be filled by the following Groups:

- Africa Group** : One vacancy to be filled by a woman
- Asia-Pacific Group** : One vacancy to be filled by a woman
- Eurasia Group** : One vacancy to be filled by a man.

At the 138th Assembly in March 2018, the Geopolitical Groups agreed on the distribution of Standing Committee Presidencies among the Groups, with the African Group taking on the Presidency of the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development Finance and Trade, for a 2-year mandate (March 2018 – March 2020). As the President of the this Standing Committee is no longer a parliamentarian, the African Group is invited to designate another Committee President from among its Bureau members for the remainder of the term.

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

There are **four vacancies** to be filled by the following Groups:

- African Group** : One vacancy to be filled by a man or a woman
- Asia-Pacific Group** : One vacancy to be filled by a man or a woman
- Twelve Plus Group** : Two vacancies, of which at least one must be filled by a woman.

In addition, the Bureau members from Kyrgyzstan and Thailand are completing their first two-year term and are eligible for re-election for a second term.

Candidatures from the respective geopolitical groups, which may be submitted up until the time of the elections, should be accompanied by a brief curriculum vitae (maximum one page), specifying Committee membership in parliament and familiarity with the issues covered by the Committee, as well as the candidate's full contact details. The CV should also be accompanied by a commitment from the candidate's parliament that s/he will be supported in their work and included in future delegations to Assemblies.