

Amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules

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New Article 1.4

The IPU has legal personality and has the authority to enter into international agreements, including cooperation agreements with national parliaments and inter-parliamentary organizations, as well as with international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

Amend Article 5.3 (loss of IPU membership)

When a Member or Associate Member of the IPU is three years in arrears in the payment of its contributions to the IPU, the Executive Committee shall consider the situation, **on a case-by-case basis, and in close consultation with the Member or Associate Member concerned**, and express an opinion to the Governing Council. The Governing Council shall take a decision on the suspension of the **rights** ~~affiliation~~ of that Member or Associate Member ~~to the IPU~~.

Amend Article 18 (Governing Council)

1. The Governing Council shall be composed of three representatives from each Member of the IPU (cf. Governing Council, Rule 1.2). ~~The term of office of a member of the Governing Council shall last from one Assembly to the next.~~

Amend Article 26 (Executive Committee)

2. The Executive Committee shall perform the following functions:

(e) Propose to the Governing Council the **five-year IPU Strategy, as well as** its annual work programme and budget (cf. Financial Regs., Rule 3.4), **and examine the progress made in meeting IPU objectives, as stipulated in Article 1 of the Statutes.**

(ebis) **Examine and submit for approval of the Governing Council the Organization's policies on transparency and accountability, as well as its communications strategy, in keeping with the overall five-year IPU Strategy;**

Amend Article 28 (Secretariat)

2. The Secretariat shall perform the following functions:

(f) Prepare proposals for **the five-year IPU Strategy, the annual** work programme and budget for the consideration of the Executive Committee (cf. Financial Regs., Rule 3.2, 3.3 and 3.7);

(fbis) **Prepare for the consideration of the Executive Committee policies and reports on transparency and accountability to be approved by the Governing Council;**