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## Vacancies to be filled during the 141<sup>st</sup> Assembly

*All candidatures need to be accompanied by a signed covering letter, a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), as well as the contact information form (see Annex 2 of the Assembly Convocation – <https://www.ipu.org/download/7217>).*

### Executive Committee

On 17 October, the Governing Council will elect **seven members**, to replace those whose Executive Committee terms end at the 205<sup>th</sup> session of the Governing Council, as follows:

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| <b>African Group</b>                                     | : | Two vacancies to be filled by one man and one woman, to replace Ms. M.I. Oliveira Valente (Angola) and Mr. K.M. Lusaka (Kenya);                         |
| <b>Asia-Pacific Group</b>                                | : | Two vacancies, of which at least one must be filled by a woman, to replace Mr. K. Jalali (Islamic Republic of Iran) and Mr. Nguyen Van Giau (Viet Nam); |
| <b>Eurasia Group</b>                                     | : | One vacancy to be filled by either a man or a woman, to replace Mr. K. Kosachev (Russian Federation);   |
| <b>Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC)</b> | : | One vacancy, to be filled by a man, to replace Mr. A. Lins (Brazil);  |
| <b>Twelve Plus Group</b>                                 | : | One vacancy, to be filled by a woman, to replace Ms. H. Haukeland Liadal (Norway).  |

*Following the amendment in 2018 of Article 25 of the IPU Statutes, "Each sex shall be represented by no less than one third of the elected members"<sup>1</sup>. Candidatures may be submitted by 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 16 October 2019 to the Submission and Control of Documents Office (Documents Control Office – Hall 6/1, first floor of the Sava Centre).*

<sup>1</sup> Groups with 4 seats will include an equal number of men and women;  
Groups with 3 seats will include at least one man and one woman;  
Groups with 2 seats will include an equal number of men and women;  
Groups with 1 seat will ensure that the seat is held at least by a man and a woman over three terms.

## **Preparatory Committee of the Fifth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament (5WCSP – Vienna, 17-21 August 2020)**

In October 2018, the Governing Council adopted the composition of the Preparatory Committee, based on nominations received from the geopolitical groups. The formula used was the number of Executive Committee seats to which each geopolitical group is entitled plus one additional seat and respecting the principle of gender equality – <https://www.ipu.org/event/fifth-world-conference-speakers-parliaments>.

At the 141st Assembly in Belgrade, the Governing Council will be called upon to approve the nominations received from the geopolitical groups for the following vacancies:

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| <b>African Group</b>      | : | One vacancy, to be filled by either a man or a woman Speaker, to replace Mr. A. Bensalah (Algeria), who is no longer Speaker;  |
| <b>Asia-Pacific Group</b> | : | Two vacancies, to be filled by women Speakers;   |
| <b>Eurasia Group</b>      | : | One vacancy, to be filled by a woman Speaker;  |
| <b>GRULAC</b>             | : | Three vacancies, to be filled by at least one woman Speaker, to replace Ms. M. Fernandez Allende (Chile), Ms. E. Cabezas (Ecuador) and Mr. S. Ovelar (Paraguay), who are no longer Speakers of parliament; |
| <b>Twelve Plus Group</b>  | : | One vacancy, to be filled by a woman Speaker, to replace Ms. A. Pastor (Spain), who is no longer Speaker of parliament.  |

*Candidatures from the respective geopolitical groups may be submitted by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 15 October 2019 to the Documents Control Office.*

### **Bureau of Women Parliamentarians**

On 13 October, the Forum of Women Parliamentarians will be required to fill the following seat of the **Bureau of Women Parliamentarians**:

- one regional representative for the Eurasia Group (end of term March 2022) to fill the seat left vacant by Ms. S. Sardaryan (Armenia), who is no longer a parliamentarian.

*The Eurasia Group is invited to submit the candidature by 12 noon Friday, 12 October 2019 to the Documents Control Office.*

## **COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES**

### **Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians**

On 17 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect **one member**, preferably a woman from Latin America and the Caribbean, to replace Mr. F. Pinedo (Argentina) whose parliamentary mandate will conclude at the end of October 2019.

Please note that members of this Committee are elected in their individual capacity, not in representation of their parliament or geopolitical group.

*Parliamentarians wishing to become members of this Committee have to meet a set of distinct criteria. Candidates are therefore requested to complete the form available on the IPU website ([https://www.ipu.org/sites/default/files/documents/form\\_vacancies\\_chrp\\_october\\_2019-e.pdf](https://www.ipu.org/sites/default/files/documents/form_vacancies_chrp_october_2019-e.pdf)).*

*Candidatures may be submitted by 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 16 October 2019 to the Documents Control Office.*

### Committee on Middle East Questions

On 17 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect **three members (female)** to replace:

- Ms. B. Grouwels (Belgium), who is no longer a member of parliament;
- Ms. N. Akter (Bangladesh) and Ms. R. Elwani (Egypt) who have not attended the last two consecutive sessions and, according to the Committee's Rules, have therefore lost their seat.

*Candidatures may be submitted by 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 16 October 2019 to the Documents Control Office.*

### Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

On 17 October, the Governing Council will elect **three members**, as follows:

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| <b>African Group</b>     | : | One vacancy to be filled by a woman to replace Ms. A. Dafia Ouassagari (Benin), who has not attended the last two consecutive sessions and, according to the Committee's Rules, has therefore lost her seat; |
| <b>Arab Group</b>        | : | One vacancy to be filled by a woman to replace Ms. M. Haj Hassan Osman (Sudan), who is no longer a member of parliament, following the dissolution of the Sudanese Parliament;                               |
| <b>Twelve Plus Group</b> | : | One vacancy to be filled by a man to replace Mr. D. Chukolov (Bulgaria) who has not attended the last two consecutive sessions and, according to the Committee's Rules, has therefore lost his seat.         |

*Candidatures may be submitted by 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 16 October 2019 to the Documents Control Office.*

### Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU

On 14 October, the Forum will elect one Board member from the Asia-Pacific Group (female) to fill that geopolitical group's seat which was not filled at the 140<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly.

*The Asia-Pacific Group is invited to submit the candidature(s) by 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, 13 October 2019 to the Documents Control Office.*

### High-Level Advisory Group on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism

On 17 October, the Governing Council will elect **four members**, as follows:

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| <b>African Group</b>     | : | One vacancy to be filled by a man or a woman;    |
| <b>Eurasia Group</b>     | : | Two vacancies to be filled by a man and a woman; |
| <b>Twelve Plus Group</b> | : | One vacancy to be filled by a woman.             |

*Candidatures from the respective geopolitical groups may be submitted by 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 16 October 2019 to the Documents Control Office.*

### Group of Facilitators for Cyprus

On 17 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect **one Facilitator** to replace Mr. P. Van Den Driessche (Belgium), who is no longer a member of parliament.

*Candidatures may be submitted by 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 16 October 2019 to the Documents Control Office.*

## Appointment of two Internal Auditors for the 2020 accounts

On 17 October, the Governing Council will appoint **two Internal Auditors** for the 2020 fiscal year. They will be expected to present their report to the Governing Council at the first statutory session of the IPU in 2021. Parliamentarians interested in submitting their candidature for this position should preferably have prior experience in either a parliamentary finance committee or audit office.

*Candidatures may be submitted by 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 16 October 2019 to the Documents Control Office.*

## STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

The Standing Committees will hold the following elections:

### Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

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

**Arab Group** : One vacancy to be filled by a man or a woman to replace Mr. A. Eissa (Sudan), who is no longer a member of parliament, following the dissolution of the Sudanese Parliament;

**Twelve Plus Group** : One vacancy (either male or female).

### Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade

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

**Asia-Pacific Group** : Two vacancies, of which at least one must be filled by a man, to replace Mr. N. Singh (India), whose term has ended, and Mr. V. Socratianurak (Thailand), who is no longer a member of parliament;

**Eurasia Group** : One vacancy (either male or female);

**GRULAC** : Two vacancies, of which at least one must be filled by a man.

*In addition, the Bureau member from Ecuador is completing her first two-year term and is eligible for re-election for a second term.*

### Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

**Asia-Pacific Group** : One vacancy to be filled by a woman to replace Ms. B. Sampatisiri (Thailand), who is no longer a member of parliament.

**GRULAC** : One vacancy to be filled by a man or a woman to replace Mr. B.A. Llano Ramos (Paraguay) who has resigned from the Bureau.

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*Candidatures from the respective geopolitical groups, which may be submitted prior to and during the Assembly 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 for which a seat is being sought, 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.*