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Vacancies to be filled during the 141st Assembly

All candidatures need to be accompanied by a signed covering letter, a brief curriculum vitae (maximum one page), as well as the contact information form (see Annex 2 of the Assembly Convocation – www.ipu.org/file/7411/download?token=17Eg_IOC).

Executive Committee

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

- African Group** : Two vacancies, to be filled by a man and a woman, to replace Ms. M.I. Oliveira Valente (Angola) and Mr. K.M. Lusaka (Kenya);
- Asia-Pacific Group** : Two vacancies, at least one of which to be filled by a woman, to replace Mr. K. Jalali (Islamic Republic of Iran) and Mr Nguyen Van Giau (Viet Nam);
- Eurasia Group** : One vacancy, to be filled by either a man or a woman, to replace Mr. K. Kosachev (Russian Federation);
- Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC)** : One vacancy, to be filled by a man, to replace Mr. A. Lins (Brazil);
- Twelve Plus Group** : 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 members¹". Candidatures may be submitted up to 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).

¹ 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.

To date, the IPU Secretariat has been informed of the following candidatures:

- Mr. M. Ali Houmed (Djibouti), submitted by the National Assembly of Djibouti to the African Group;
- Mr. W. William (Seychelles), submitted by the National Assembly of the Seychelles to the African Group;
- Ms. P. Krairiksh (Thailand), submitted by the National Assembly of Thailand to the Asia-Pacific Group;
- Mr. H. Millat (Bangladesh), submitted by the Parliament of Bangladesh to the Asia-Pacific Group;
- Mr. R. Rabbani (Pakistan), submitted by the Senate of Pakistan to the Asia-Pacific Group;
- Mr. A. Saidov (Uzbekistan), submitted by the Legislative Chamber of Uzbekistan to the Eurasia Group;
- Mr. A. Shakirov (Kazakhstan), submitted by the Senate of Kazakhstan to the Eurasia Group;
- Mr. J.P. Letelier (Chile), submitted by the National Congress of Chile to GRULAC;
- Mr. B. Llano Ramos (Paraguay), submitted by the Senate of Paraguay to GRULAC;
- Ms. A. Tolley (New Zealand), submitted by the House of Representatives of New Zealand to the Twelve Plus Group;
- Ms. C. Widegren (Sweden), submitted by the Parliament of Sweden to the Twelve Plus Group.

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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| African Group | : | One vacancy, to be filled by either a man or a woman Speaker, to replace Mr. A. Bensalah (Algeria), who is no longer Speaker; |
| Asia-Pacific Group | : | Two vacancies, to be filled by women Speakers; |
| Eurasia Group | : | One vacancy, to be filled by a woman Speaker; |
| GRULAC | : | Three vacancies, at least one of which to be filled by a 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; |
| Twelve Plus Group | : | 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 up to 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 seats in its Bureau:

- one regional representative for the African Group (end of term: March 2020) to fill the seat left vacant by Ms. J.d'A. Gakuba (Rwanda), who will no longer be a parliamentarian at the time of the Belgrade Assembly;
- one regional representative for the Eurasia Group (end of term: March 2020) to fill the seat left vacant by Ms. S. Sardaryan (Armenia), who is no longer a parliamentarian;

- one regional representative for the Twelve Plus Group (end of term: March 2022) to fill the seat left vacant by Ms. O. Sotnyk (Ukraine), who is no longer a parliamentarian.

Candidatures from the respective geopolitical groups may be submitted up to 12 noon on Saturday, 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 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 are required 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).

Candidatures may be submitted up to 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 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 seats.

Candidatures may be submitted up to 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 **four members**, as follows:

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| African Group | : | 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; |
| Arab Group | : | 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; |
| Asia-Pacific Group | : | One vacancy, to be filled by a man, to replace Mr. J. Wilson (Australia), who is no longer a member of the Australian delegation; |
| Twelve Plus Group | : | 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 up to 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 (female) from the Asia-Pacific Group to fill that geopolitical group's seat which was not filled at the 140th IPU Assembly.

Candidatures may be submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group up to 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:

- African Group** : One vacancy to be filled by a man or a woman;
- Eurasia Group** : Two vacancies to be filled by a man and a woman;
- Twelve Plus Group** : One vacancy to be filled by a woman.

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

To date, the IPU Secretariat has been informed of the following candidatures from national IPU Groups:

- Mr. S. Chiheb (Algeria);
- Ms. A. Karapetyan (Armenia);
- Ms. R. Kavakci Kan (Turkey).

Group of Facilitators for Cyprus

On 17 October, the Governing Council will elect **two Facilitators** to replace Mr. P. Van Den Driessche (Belgium), who is no longer a member of parliament, and Mr. J. De Matos Rosa (Portugal), who is not running for re-election in the elections to be held in Portugal in October.

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

To date, the following candidature has been received:

- Mr. M. Mijatovic (Serbia), submitted by the National Assembly of Serbia.

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 one of the positions should preferably have prior experience in either a parliamentary finance committee or audit office.

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

To date, the following candidature has been received:

- Mr. A. Gryffroy (Belgium), submitted by the Belgian IPU Group.

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 geopolitical 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, to be filled by a man or a woman.

Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade

There are **six vacancies** to be filled by the following geopolitical groups:

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

Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights

- Eurasia Group** : One vacancy, to be filled by a man, to replace Mr. V. Batrincea (Republic of Moldova), who is no longer a member of parliament.

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

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

- 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;
- Twelve Plus Group** : One vacancy, to be filled by a man or a woman to replace Mr. L. Iemets (Ukraine), who is no longer a member of parliament.

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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 parliamentary committee membership and familiarity with the issues covered by the Standing Committee in which a seat is being sought, as well as the candidate's full contact details. The CV should also be accompanied by a written commitment from the candidate's parliament that s/he will be supported in their work and included in future delegations to Assemblies.