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**Election of the President of  
the Inter-Parliamentary Union**

**(Article 19 of the Statutes and Rules 6, 7 and 8 of  
the Rules of the Governing Council)**

Candidature

of

**Mr. Duarte Pacheco (Portugal)**

On 21 July 2020, the Secretary General received a communication from the President of the Assembly of the Republic of Portugal, submitting the candidature of Mr. Duarte Pacheco for the office of President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, which is to be filled at the 206th session of the Governing Council.

The text of this communication, as well as the presentation letter and the curriculum vitae of Mr. D. Pacheco, 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 ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC OF PORTUGAL**

São Bento Palace, 20 July 2020

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

It is with great satisfaction that I address Your Excellency to present, on behalf of the Assembly of the Republic of Portugal, the Candidacy of Mr. Duarte Pacheco for the Presidency of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

Mr. Duarte Pacheco is, since 1991, a distinguished Member of the Assembly of the Republic of Portugal, recognized by his peers for the energy and dynamism he has always shown as a Member of the Portuguese Delegation to IPU and in the various and high functions that he has been playing in our Organization, both in the Committee on Peace and International Security and in the Twelve Plus Geopolitical Group, and, of course, for the action developed around the agenda of the Inter-Parliamentary Union – the defense of multilateralism, political dialogue and parliamentary diplomacy, in favor of human rights, peace and security.

For the proper purposes, I send Mr. Duarte Pacheco's Presentation Letter and his Curriculum.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary General, the assurance of the highest consideration,

(Signed)

Eduardo FERRO RODRIGUES  
President of the Assembly of the  
Republic of Portugal

**PRESENTATION LETTER OF MR. DUARTE PACHECO,  
MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC OF PORTUGAL**

Dear friend,

I am standing for President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union with the support of the President of the Assembly of the Republic of Portugal.

I am standing for election because I believe that the IPU is the ideal forum to reach the goals of success we want for humanity: a world with more equality, social cohesion, peace, better environmental quality, and which can address, in unity, the global challenges we are now facing.

I view this candidature as a mission to which I have devoted much of my professional path ever since I embraced political life: what drives me is wanting to do more and better for people.

I was elected to the Assembly of the Republic at the age of 25. It was the confirmation of a love that has led me to never relinquish parliamentary life, with successive elections resulting from a devotion to the public cause, recognized by both my supporters and opponents, and confirmed by the voters, first at the domestic level and then in the international sphere.

I believe in the ideals of democracy and the rule of law as a way to better leverage the common good, which must be the ultimate goal of those who govern us.

I believe that it is possible to fight for our ideals, keeping an open mind to welcome various criticisms and perspectives, with a view to finding consensual solutions and, thereby, being more easily effective in their implementation.

I believe that democracy and governance are achieved with everyone and for everyone. We must maximize the participation of younger people, respect gender balance and integrate minorities so that democracy and the results we expect from it actually reach everyone.

I believe that, regardless of how hard a person or country tries, it will never be enough to achieve a better world. Only by working hand-in-hand in multilateral cooperation will it be possible to address and overcome the challenges that the world is now facing, be it in health, climate change, the fight against terrorism, or to combat poverty, and thus attain a better future for all the peoples we represent, in particular by reaching the millennium goals.

I have for the Inter-Parliamentary Union and its ideals the same passion I have for parliamentary life, and I am available to serve the IPU with the same expertise, leadership and consensus-building that characterize me so that the IPU can resolve conflicts and assert itself in a more transparent and global way.

Together we will be stronger.

Best regards,

(Signed)

Duarte PACHECO  
Member of the Assembly of the  
Republic of Portugal

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

**NAME:** DUARTE PACHECO

Date of birth: 25 November 1965  
Place of birth: Lisbon, Portugal  
Marital status: Married, two children



### EDUCATION

Master's degree in European Studies – majored in Economics at Universidade Católica Portuguesa in Lisbon

Postgraduate course in European Studies at Universidade Católica Portuguesa in Lisbon

Degree in Economics at Católica Lisbon School of Business and Economics

### POLITICAL EXPERIENCE – NATIONAL LEVEL

Member of the Assembly of the Republic (Portuguese Parliament) since 1991 (6th to 14th legislatures) assuming different positions in the Bureau of the Parliament

Member of the Budget and Finance Committee and Coordinator of the Social Democratic Party for budget matters

Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Portuguese Communities

Member of the Municipal Assembly of Sobral de Monte Agraço since December 1997

### IPU EXPERIENCE

Head of the Delegation of the Assembly of the Republic to the Inter-Parliamentary Union since January 2016

Chair of the Twelve Plus Geopolitical Group since 2017 (now in the second term)

Member of IPU's Standing Committee on Peace and International Security – Vice-President (2014-2016)

Internal Auditor for the IPU in 2007, 2011, 2013 and 2015

Member of the Portuguese delegation to the IPU since April 2002

### WORK EXPERIENCE

Consultant performing as Manager in several companies – Leadership Consulting, DHV Management Consultants, Deloitte

Professor of Environmental Economics and Economic Models at Universidade Atlântica and Universidade Lusíada.

### HOBBIES

Travelling – visited more than 90 countries

Sports – skier, fitness and cycling enthusiast

Photography – has a collection of more than 40.000 pictures taken since his youth