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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. Akmal Saidov (Uzbekistan)

On 1 September 2020, the Secretary General received a communication from the Speaker of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis and the Chairperson of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan, submitting the candidature of Mr. Akmal Saidov 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 curriculum vitae and the presentation letter of Mr. A. Saidov, are to be found in Annexes I, II and III.

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**COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL BY THE
SPEAKER OF THE LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER OF THE OLIY MAJLIS AND THE CHAIRPERSON
OF THE SENATE OF THE OLIY MAJLIS OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN**

Tashkent, 30 August 2020

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

We, the signatories, have taken upon us the honor of contacting you with the foresight of upcoming Presidential election within the oldest and the largest forum of parliaments – the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

In a situation mirroring that the world has found itself after COVID-19 pandemic, IPU stands ready to be led forward by a skillful master and seasoned negotiator. The time and circumstances of the call for new leadership within the organization could not be timelier. We believe Akmal Saidov is the most qualified candidate to lead the IPU to the new highs in the history of parliamentary cooperation for the good of the people and the planet.

We welcome the IPU's priority of regular rotation between the different geopolitical groups, and do hope that Dr. Saidov will be honoured to receive the support of fellow parliamentarians to be elected as the first ever President of the IPU from the Eurasia Group.

Academician, legal scientist, civil servant, politician of international stature, human rights champion, model for youth, and women's rights advocate – Dr. Saidov has been in the forefront of bringing around change to the masses and the minorities for more than three decades now. Having gained academic credentials from the most prestigious academic institutions available at the time, Dr. Saidov led the shift towards major legal systems of the world in the focus scientific research in the second half of 1980s which culminated in his Doctoral Dissertation on Modern comparative Law. To this day, having always been engaged in positions of leadership, responsibility and authority, Dr. Saidov never neglected academia and research and has contributed more than 300 publications in four languages to academic world including Inter-Parliamentary Organizations of the World: A Handbook (2004), National Parliaments of the World: An Encyclopedic Guide (2005), Parliamentary Glossary (2007). Prof. Saidov takes active participation in translating the IPU human rights related handbooks into Uzbek language.

Dr. Saidov takes an active part in the formation of the foundations of the national legal system. He was a member of the Constitutional Commission of the Republic of Uzbekistan, one of the initiators and developers of legislation on elections, human rights issues and civil society institutions. Dr. Saidov intends to rely on his expertise in law, politics, human rights and international relations and on his experience of serving in the Uzbek Parliament for six terms.

Dr. Akmal Saidov plays a prominent role in delegations to the UN Human Rights Council and the UN Treaty Bodies. Besides, Dr. Saidov puts forward all necessary efforts to strengthen parliamentary oversight; ensuring transparency in the work of the parliament; and setting up a legal framework for dialogue with civil society.

Leadership acumen of Dr. Saidov surfaced around the same time as Uzbekistan started fighting for its independence at the end of 1980s. He became the President of the Committee of the Youth Organization of Uzbekistan in 1989 and since then he has worked multitude of leadership positions ranging from Rector of Law School to the founder and president of National Center for Human Rights in Uzbekistan. Most notably, he has been Member of Parliamentary Cooperation Committee "European Parliament-Uzbek Parliament" and the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Friendship Groups "Uzbekistan-Belgium"; "Uzbekistan-France"; "Uzbekistan-Japan"; "Uzbekistan-Turkey"; "Uzbekistan-Kazakhstan". Currently he is a member of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan, First Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Chamber of the Uzbek Parliament, Director of the National Center for Human Rights of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Vice-President of the Executive Committee of the IPU, Member of the Sub-Committee on Finance of the IPU, Vice-chairperson of the OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission.

A model citizen, devoted father and family man, Dr. Saidov possesses all the necessary personal qualities to lead by example. His unmatched stamina in parliamentary activity, academic, professional and personal matters along with unbendable principles of humanitarian values that he upholds at all times makes him the exceptional candidate for the position of the President of the IPU. Given the opportunity to lead the organization bestowed by trust of other members, he shall be able to lead the organization to better cohesion among geographic groups, more active dialogue among the parliaments of the world, cooperation between IPU, UN, UN charter and treaty bodies, and other international organizations resulting in proliferation of IPU mission throughout the globe.

App: 1. CV of Mr. A. Saidov;
2. Vision of Mr. A. Saidov.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Nurdinjon ISMOILOV
Speaker of the Legislative Chamber of the
Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Tanzila NARBAYEVA (Ms.)
Chairperson of the Senate of the Oliy Majlis
of the Republic of Uzbekistan

CURRICULUM VITAE



Title: Ambassador, Professor, Doctor
Date of Birth: October 11, 1958
Citizenship: Tashkent, Uzbekistan
Nationality: Uzbekistan
Marital status: Married, two children

SHORT BIO

SAIDOV AKMAL KHOLMATOVICH

Akmal Saidov, First Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Chamber of the Oliy Majlis (Parliament) of Uzbekistan and Vice-President of the Executive Committee of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, is Uzbek public official and jurist, expert parliamentarian law, international law, comparative law, human rights, author of well-known books. He is currently a full member of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan, Director of the National Center for Human Rights, Member of the Sub-Committee on Finance of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Vice-chairperson of the OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission.

He holds Diplomatic rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary with the status of Minister.

EDUCATION

- 1981 : Graduated from the Tashkent State University, Law Faculty
- 1984 : Postgraduate degree (PhD) in Comparative Law, the Moscow Institute of State and Law
- 1990 : Doctorate degree in Comparative Law, the Moscow Institute of State and Law

PARLIAMENTARY AND IPU EXPERIENCE

- Since 1997 : Member of the Uzbek Parliament
- 2000-2020 : **Chairperson of the Committee** on Democratic institutions, NGOs and Citizens self-governing bodies of the Legislative Chamber of the Parliament of Uzbekistan
- 2010-2020 : **Chairperson of Parliamentary Commission** for the management of the assets of the Public fund for Support of NGOs and other civil society institutions under the Parliament Uzbekistan
- 2007-2015 : Twice ran for the **post of President of the Republic of Uzbekistan**: first as an independent candidate, second as a candidate from the Democratic Party of Uzbekistan "Milliy Tiklanish" (National Revival)
- Since 2002 : Member of Parliamentary Cooperation Committee "**European Parliament-Uzbek Parliament**" (since 2020 – Co-chair from the Uzbek side)
- Since 2010 : Chairperson of the Parliamentary Friendship Groups "Uzbekistan-Belgium"
- Since 2020 : Chairperson of the Parliamentary Friendship Groups "Uzbekistan-France"; "Uzbekistan-Japan"; "Uzbekistan-Turkey"; "Uzbekistan-Kazakhstan"

- Since 2020 : The **First Deputy Speaker** of the Legislative Chamber of Parliament of Uzbekistan
- 1992-2007 / since 2017 : Participated in the meetings of the IPU Assembly, conferences and seminars of IPU and OHCHR
- Since 2019 : Member of the Executive Committee of the **Inter-Parliamentary Union**
- Since 2020 : **Vice-President** of the Executive Committee of the Inter-Parliamentary Union
- Since 2020 : Member of the Sub-Committee on Finance of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1985-1989 : Senior researcher and Head of Department at the Institute of Philosophy and Law of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan
- 1989-1991 : President of the Committee of the Youth Organization of Uzbekistan
- 1991-1992 : Director of the Institute of Philosophy and Law of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan
- 1992-1993 : Founder and Director of the Institute for Strategic and Inter-Regional Researches attached to the President of Uzbekistan
- 1993-1994 : Rector of the Tashkent State Law Institute
- 1994-1996 : Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Uzbekistan to France and Permanent Representative of Uzbekistan at the UNESCO
- 1996-present : Director of the National Centre of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Human Rights
- Since 1996 : Possesses Diplomatic rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
- 1997-1998 : Director of the Centre for Public Opinion Research "Ijtimoiy Fikr"
- 1999-2010 : Founder and Chair-holder of the UNESCO Chair on Human Rights, Peace, Democracy, Tolerance and International Understanding at the University of World Economy and Diplomacy, Tashkent
- Since 2017 : full member of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan
- 2018-2020 : Chairperson of the Advisory Council for the Development of Civil Society under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan
- Since 2018 : Member of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation
- 2019-2020 : Chairperson of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation
- Since 2020 : Vice-chairperson of the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Since 1991 : Member of the International Association of Jurists of the Asian and Pacific Region
- Since 1990 : Foreign member of the Society for Comparative Legislation of France
- Since 1995 : Foreign member of the Society of Asia
- Since 1990 : President of the National Commission for the International Association of Judicial Sciences
- Since 1990 : President of the National Commission for the International Academy of Comparative Law
- Since 1991 : Member of the Russian Association of International Law
- Since 2001 : Visiting Professor at Paris University I (Sorbonne)
- Since 2010 : Correspondent member of the International Academy of Comparative Law
- Since 2013 : Member of the International Association of Constitutional Law
- Since 2018 : Member of International Council of Jurists

PUBLICATIONS

Over **300** publications and books in the areas of Parliamentary, International, Human Rights, Comparative Law and reports at over **100** international conference, including sessions of the UN Human Rights Council, UN Treaty bodies and the OSCE, the OIC IPHRC.

Editor-in Chief of the 'Public Opinion. Human Rights' and 'Democratization and Human Rights' journals, both in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
Member of the International Editorial Board of the Journals of United Kingdom, Poland, Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan.

RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

Межпарламентские организации мира: справочник (*Inter-Parliamentary Organizations of the World: A Handbook*). – Москва: Международные отношения, 2004.

Национальные парламенты мира: энциклопедический справочник (*National Parliaments of the World: An Encyclopedic Guide*). - Москва: Волтерс Клувер, 2005.

Международное парламентское право (*International Parliamentary Law*). – Москва, 2007.

Парламентский глоссарий (*Parliamentary Glossary*). – Москва, 2007.
Comparative Law. – London, 2003.

Following Handbooks of IPU have been translated to Uzbek language by A. Saidov:

"Parliaments and the Sustainable Development Goals - A self-assessment toolkit"

"Human Rights. Handbook for Parliamentarians (N°26)"

"Child Protection. A Handbook for Parliamentarians (N°7)"

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Languages	Reading	Writing	Speaking	Understanding
Uzbek	excellent	excellent	excellent	excellent
Russian	excellent	excellent	excellent	excellent
French	excellent	good	good	excellent
English	excellent	good	good	excellent

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**PRESENTATION LETTER OF MR. AKMAL SAIDOV, FIRST DEPUTY SPEAKER OF
THE LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER OF THE PARLIAMENT OF UZBEKISTAN**

Dear colleagues, members of the parliamentary community,

I have the honour to run for President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union with the support of the Parliament of Uzbekistan.

Today parliamentary diplomacy effectively contributes to solving the most pressing international and regional challenges, strengthening the interaction of parliamentarians from different countries in search of answers to modern challenges and threats.

I consider the IPU an ideal international forum for the development of inter-parliamentary dialogue on peace and security, sustainable development and protection of human rights.

My more than 20 years of experience in parliamentary work, active participation in the activities of the IPU, in particular as Vice-President of the IPU, as well as other international forums within the framework of the United Nations, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, allow me to note that it is parliamentarians who contribute to the development of the parliamentary dimension, make a significant contribution to building a peaceful and sustainable society.

I would like to share with you my vision of further strengthening inter-parliamentary cooperation and the activities of our global organization in five directions:

First. Adoption of a UN General Assembly resolution to strengthen the role of national parliaments and IPU in implementing the SDGs and protecting human rights.

Second. Development and adoption of IPU recommendations to national parliaments on activities during pandemics or emergencies. In addition, to increase assistance to the parliamentary capacity of the least developed countries and island states.

Third. Adoption of the Gender strategy of the IPU, strengthening global efforts to combat harassment and violence against women and girls. Holding the World Forum of Women Parliamentarians in Samarkand.

Fourth. Intensification of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians, in particular, with the adoption of the Youth strategy of the IPU and the development of cooperation with youth parliaments.

Fifth. Strengthening inter-parliamentary ties and expanding cooperation with regional parliamentary organizations, including considering the possibility of holding joint regional meetings. Consideration of expanding the number of seats in the IPU governing bodies to increase the visibility of the organization's activities worldwide.

I am confident that the IPU, as a platform for strengthening national parliaments as fundamental institutions of democracy, will help strengthen multilateral cooperation to improve the lives of people in the world, find new ideas for solving global challenges, such as the growth of armed conflicts, climate change, poverty reduction, fighting epidemics and protection human rights.

I believe that my experience in parliamentary activity, political sphere, international relations, human rights and academia will allow me to adequately represent the high and responsible post of President of the IPU.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

Akmal SAIDOV
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of the Parliament of Uzbekistan
Vice-President of the IPU