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Elections to the Executive Committee

At its 206th session, the Governing Council will elect **two members**, as follows:

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| Group of Latin America and the Caribbean | : | One vacancy, to be filled by a woman, to replace Ms. Y. Ferrer Gómez (Cuba), whose Executive Committee terms ends at the 206th session of the Governing Council. |
| Twelve Plus Group | : | One vacancy, to be filled by a woman, to replace Ms. M. Kiener Nellen (Switzerland) who is no longer a Member of Parliament and whose mandate expires in October 2021. |

Candidature of Ms. Laurence FEHLMANN RIELLE (Switzerland)

On 9 January 2020, the IPU Secretary General received a letter from the President of the Swiss Inter-Parliamentary Group presenting the candidature of Ms. Laurence Fehlmann Rielle (Switzerland) to complete the term of Ms. M. Kiener Nellen on the Executive Committee.

The text of this communication together with the corresponding curriculum vitae can be found in [Annexes I and II](#).

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**COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL BY THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SWISS INTER-PARLIAMENTARY GROUP**

9 January 2020

Swiss seat on the Executive Committee of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

On 2 December 2019, Ms. Margret Kiener Nellen ceased to be a member of the Swiss National Council. Consequently, her functions within the Swiss Inter-Parliamentary Group and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), including those related to the Executive Committee (October 2017–October 2021), have also come to an end.

According to the Statutes and Rules of the IPU, a member of the Swiss Inter-Parliamentary Group can fill the seat for a woman on the Executive Committee held by Switzerland until October 2021, now vacant. Consequently, the Swiss Inter-Parliamentary Group has appointed Ms. Laurence Fehlmann Rielle (Social Democratic Party, Geneva) to complete the mandate begun by Ms. Kiener Nellen.

In addition, Ms. Kiener Nellen's departure means that in April 2020 the Twelve Plus Group will also have to designate a female substitute for the High-Level Advisory Group on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism, in accordance with the group's terms of reference.

I would like to close by taking this opportunity to wish you, your family and staff, my best wishes for 2020.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Christian LOHR
President
Swiss Inter-Parliamentary Group

CURRICULUM VITAE
of
Ms. Laurence FEHLMANN RIELLE (Switzerland)

Member of the National Council, Social Democratic Party,
member of parliament since 30 November 2015

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Education:

- Swiss Matura (Latin), 1974
- University degree in Political Sciences, 1980
- Postgraduate degree in Public Administration, Lausanne, 1983
- Master's degree in Advanced Studies in Public Health, Faculty of Medicine, Geneva, 2013

Professional experience:

- Director of FEGPA (Geneva Federation for the Prevention of Alcoholism), 1985–2018
- Co-director of the Faïtière Carrefour addictionS (an umbrella organization tackling addiction) (Geneva)

Political mandates:

- Member of the Grand Council of Geneva, 1997–2009
- President of the Social Democratic Party of the Canton of Geneva, 2004–2008
- Member of the City Council of Geneva, 2011–2015
- Member of the National Council, 2015–present
- President of the [Legal Affairs Committees](#), 2020–2021

Charitable mandates:

- Burmese Association, *Chair*
- RRASA (network for people with intellectual disabilities in French-speaking Switzerland), *Chair*
- Helvetia Latina, *Vice-Chair*
- Board of the SGIPA (integration for persons with intellectual disabilities) Foundation, *Member*
- Committee Pro Mente Sana, *Member*
- Committee for cantonal sports aid, *Member*