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Amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules

COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION FOR MEMBER PARLIAMENTS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS OF THE IPU BY THE CHAIR OF THE SWEDISH PARLIAMENT'S IPU DELEGATION

8 February 2018

Dear Madam Director,

Many thanks for your letter from 26 January on the proposed revisions to the IPU Statutes and Rules, which have been prepared by the IPU Secretariat.

The Swedish IPU delegation has conducted a detailed review of the proposed amendments and concludes that the consequences of the suggested amendments are so far reaching that it strongly objects to the procedure outlined in the letter. A procedure whereby member states are now required to submit any sub-amendments directly to the Governing Council and the Assembly. The suggested timeframe for review is insufficient and in addition, any revisions of the IPU Statutes and Rules should involve in depth consultation of both the Executive Committee and the Geopolitical groups. Finally, our careful review of the suggested revisions has led to many questions, which we feel would require answers in order for us to be able to provide our final assessment of the suggested amendments.

Hence, Sweden calls for the Executive Committee to come up with a realistic schedule for this process, which should also allow for IPU's Geopolitical Groups and its Member States to conduct a thorough review of all suggested amendments and their impact on the organisation.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

On behalf of the Swedish Parliament's
IPU delegation,

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Chair of the Swedish Parliament's
IPU delegation

From : Anda Filip / Postbox
Sent : Friday 26 January 2018 11:12
Subject : Message from the IPU
Importance : High

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to take this opportunity to provide you with an update on forthcoming IPU activities:

1. Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations (New York, 22-23 February)
The programme of the Hearing is now available at www.ipu.org/event/annual-parliamentary-hearing-united-nations/programmes/by-day.
Members that have not yet registered are invited to do so at their earliest convenience.
2. 138th IPU Assembly (Geneva, 24-28 March)
Please find in attachment the background notes on the proposed amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules, which have been prepared by the Secretariat.
Please note that the deadline is 10 February for the submission of sub-amendments to the Statutes and 24 February for sub-amendments to the IPU Rules.

Several of you have been requesting information about the theme of the General Debate at the 138th IPU Assembly. The IPU President has convened an extraordinary session of the Executive Committee, with the participation of the Chairs of the Geopolitical Groups, on 3-4 February. This is one of the matters that the President intends to discuss on this occasion. We hope to get back to you with further information as soon as possible - thank you for your patience and kind understanding.

3. Information seminar on the structure and functioning of the Inter-Parliamentary Union
The 2018 edition of the IPU Information Seminar, designed this year for French-speaking participants, will take place on 19-22 June at IPU Headquarters in Geneva – formal invitation to follow shortly.

Last, but not least, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you the updated IPU Directory (contact information for IPU Members, parliamentary organizations with permanent observer status, IPU office holders and Secretariat). Please do not hesitate to let us know if you would also like to receive a hard copy of the Directory, and we will be happy to send that to you. It would be appreciated if any additional changes could be communicated to the IPU Secretariat at your earliest convenience. Also, in order to keep our records up to date, we would be grateful if you could inform us when there are changes of Clerk or Secretary General in your Parliament.

Many thanks, kind regards,



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