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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 FINNISH IPU GROUP

Dear Madam Director,

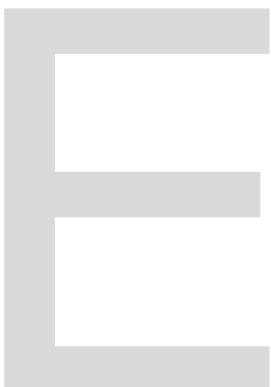
Thank you very much for the proposed amendments to the IPU Rules and Statutes submitted by the IPU President and the Russian Federation, as well as for the background notes drafted by the IPU Secretariat. We are concerned that the current timeframe for the process is not allowing for sufficient discussion on these issues.

Some of the proposed amendments have such far-reaching effects, including very extensive budgetary ramifications, that in our view a thorough discussion is necessary. For example, the additional interpretation and translation costs would amount to roughly 30 per cent of the regular budget. We have not discussed the effects this cost increase has to the IPU budget and programmes. Hence, we call for the Executive Committee to come up with a process with sufficient time for the Geopolitical Groups to assess the amendments and their effects on the IPU.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

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Chair of the Finnish IPU Group



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