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## Amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules

COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO THE IPU SECRETARIAT BY THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS BUREAU OF THE GENERAL OFFICE OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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The Foreign Affairs Bureau of the General Office of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, and has the honour to inform the latter that the draft amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules have been received. The views of the National People's Congress of China are as follows:

Any amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules should be conducive to maintaining the smooth functioning of the IPU and better serving all the IPU Members, and be carried out in a prudent way. Therefore, we suggest that the IPU President, the IPU Executive Committee and the IPU Secretariat conduct an in-depth study on the necessity of amending the IPU Statutes and Rules and submit a detailed report to the Governing Council on the status of the IPU as an international legal personality, the power of the IPU President, the Triennial Strategy, greater transparency and accountability.

The Foreign Affairs Bureau of the General Office of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the IPU Secretariat the assurances of its highest consideration.

(Signed)

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