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Amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules

**COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE IPU
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF TOGO**

Lomé, 23 February 2018

No 135/2018/AN/PA/CAB

Dear Madam President,

It is with great attention that I took note of your initiative and the proposed amendments to the Statutes and Rules of our common Organization, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). This initiative is inscribed in a will to reform our Organization and to give it efficient instruments and means that correspond to its present-day work requirements.

After several years, during which the IPU has given priority to the consolidation of democracy and promotion of peace, there remain a number of challenges that need to be overcome.

I enclose (see [Annex](#)) the amendments proposed by the National Assembly of Togo.

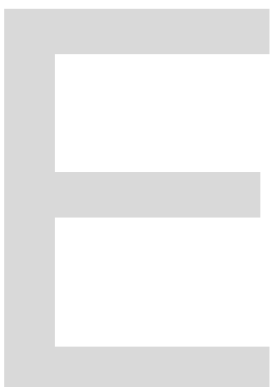
I also recommend that you examine, with particular attention, the financial consequences of these amendments. You are well aware, Madam President, that various countries are in favour of reducing contributions in view of the budgetary difficulties of several Member Parliaments.

Nevertheless, I assure you of my availability to discuss, during our forthcoming debates, the essence of your proposed amendments.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

Dama Dramani
President of the National Assembly of Togo



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OPINION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF TOGO
ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

- **On registering one additional delegate: Article 10.2 of the Statutes**

Togo does not hold a contrary opinion.

- **On speaking time: Rule 22.1 of the Rules of the Assembly**

Togo does not hold a contrary opinion.

- **Paragraph 7**

Article 1: Togo proposes that the article remains as is since the international legal personality of the IPU is already established in the preambular and preceding provisions.

- **On the functions of the President of the IPU: Article 19 bis**

Togo proposes the deletion of Article 19 bis (1)(b). This new function is already attributed to the IPU's Secretariat which manages the Organization's technical duties and ensures its continuity. As the resident executive, the Secretary General is in charge of the activities of the Organization, while the President of the IPU is the political, non-resident, head.

Moreover, in an institution such as the IPU, the Secretary General must have extended powers to be able to perform fully the functions entrusted to him.

- **Strategy of the IPU**

Togo supports the position of the IPU. In effect, the triennial strategy falls within the mandate of the President of the Organization.

SECRETARIAT

- **New missions**

The deletion of Article 19 bis (1)(b) will leave the initial text unchanged.

- **On the Governing Council**

Togo does not hold a contrary opinion.

- **On the official languages: Article 2**

The proposal regulates, in a way, an existing practice regarding the working languages at Assemblies and other meetings of the Organization. Togo is not against the proposed amendment even though more languages, the infrastructure, equipment and translation staff would involve significant additional costs.

RULES OF THE ASSEMBLY

- **On Article 37.1**

Togo does not hold a contrary opinion.

RULES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

- **On Article 43.1**

Togo does not hold a contrary opinion.

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

- **On Rule 7.1**

Togo does not hold a contrary opinion on the amendment.

RULES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- **On Rule 42.1**

Togo does not hold a contrary opinion on the amendment.

RULES OF THE BUREAU OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS

• **On Rule 12.1**

Togo does not hold a contrary opinion on the amendment.

RULES AND PRACTICES OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF PARLIAMENTARIANS

• **On Rule 3.4**

Togo does not hold a contrary opinion on the amendment.

ANNEX IV

Togo does not hold a contrary opinion on the amendment.

PROCEDURE FOR SELECTING THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE IPU

Togo does not hold a contrary opinion on the amendment.