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Amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules

On 17 and 18 June, the IPU Executive Committee held an extraordinary session to examine proposals for amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules. The following amendments received unanimous support from the Executive Committee and were formally submitted to the Secretariat by its Vice-President, Mr. K. Kosachev, on 28 June, on behalf of the Executive Committee.

As stipulated in the IPU Statutes and Rules, these are now being circulated to the full IPU membership, in view of consideration by the Governing Council and Assembly on the occasion of the 139th IPU Assembly in October. Sub-amendments are receivable at least six weeks before the start of the Assembly (i.e. by 3 September at the latest).

In the meantime, the Executive Committee will continue its consideration of further proposals to amend the IPU Statutes and Rules, particularly as those pertaining to the functions of the IPU statutory bodies and the role of the IPU President. The Executive Committee has invited Geopolitical Groups to also play an active role by engaging their respective Members in a holistic and comprehensive review of the IPU Statutes and Rules.

New Article 1.4

The IPU has legal personality and has the authority to enter into international agreements, including cooperation agreements with national parliaments and inter-parliamentary organizations, as well as with international intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

Amend Article 5.3 (loss of IPU membership)

When a Member or Associate Member of the IPU is three years in arrears in the payment of its contributions to the IPU, the Executive Committee shall consider the situation, **on a case-by-case basis, and in close consultation with the Member or Associate Member concerned**, and express an opinion to the Governing Council. The Governing Council shall take a decision on the suspension of the **rights affiliation** of that Member or Associate Member ~~to the IPU~~.

Amend Article 18 (Governing Council)

1. The Governing Council shall be composed of three representatives from each Member of the IPU (cf. Governing Council, Rule 1.2). ~~The term of office of a member of the Governing Council shall last from one Assembly to the next.~~

Amend Article 26 (Executive Committee)

2. The Executive Committee shall perform the following functions:
- (e) Propose to the Governing Council the **five-year IPU Strategy, as well as** its annual work programme and budget (cf. Financial Regs., Rule 3.4), **and examine the progress made in meeting IPU objectives, as stipulated in Article 1 of the Statutes.**
 - (ebis) **Examine and submit for approval of the Governing Council the Organization's policies on transparency and accountability, as well as its communications strategy, in keeping with the overall five-year IPU Strategy;**

Amend Article 28 (Secretariat)

2. The Secretariat shall perform the following functions:
- (f) Prepare proposals for **the five-year IPU Strategy, the annual** work programme and budget for the consideration of the Executive Committee (cf. Financial Regs., Rule 3.2, 3.3 and 3.7);
 - (fbis) **Prepare for the consideration of the Executive Committee policies and reports on transparency and accountability to be approved by the Governing Council;**