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CONVOCATION
170th SESSION OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY COUNCIL
Marrakech, 18, 19, 21 and 23 March 2001

Madam/Sir,

We have pleasure in informing you that the Inter-Parliamentary Council will hold its 170th session at the Palais des Congrès of Marrakech, the venue for the 107th Conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

- ▶ Delegates are requested to take note that the first sitting will be held from 9. a.m. to 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 18 March. The sittings of Tuesday 19 and Thursday 21 March will be held from 2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. respectively and will be devoted mainly to the debate on the IPU Reform. The last sitting of the Council will be held from 9 a.m. on Saturday, 23 March and will last until the Council has completed its agenda.

1. PARTICIPATION

The Council is composed of two members from each parliament represented in the IPU. The list of Council members may be found in the Directory of the Union's Members, who are asked to confirm the names of their representatives to the Council by 16 March 2002 at the latest.

In accordance with Council Rule 2, "a member of the Council who is unable to attend may be replaced by another representative of the Union Member in question duly authorised for that purpose". The IPU Secretariat should be notified accordingly.

2. PROVISIONAL AGENDA*

The provisional agenda for the session prepared by the Executive Committee at its 235th (September 2001) session is as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council will be required to adopt its agenda at the beginning of its proceedings.

2. Approval of the summary records of the 169th session of the Council

Members requesting corrections to the summary records of the 169th session (CL/169/SR.1) are requested to notify the Union's Secretariat in writing before the opening of the 170th session.

3. Proposals for the election of the President of the 107th Conference

In accordance with the Union's practice, a member of the host Parliament will be proposed by the Council for election as President of the Conference.

4. Questions relating to IPU membership

(a) Requests for affiliation and reaffiliation to the Union

(b) Situation of certain Members

The Council will have before it the report of the Executive Committee on any requests for affiliation and reaffiliation and on the situation of certain Members.

5. Report of the President

(a) On her activities since the 169th session of the Council

(b) On the activities of the Executive Committee

The Council will have before it the President's report on her activities and will hear an oral report on the activities of the Executive Committee, including the 236th session of the Committee to be held in Geneva on 21 and 22 January 2002.

6. Annual report by the Secretary General on the activities of the Union for 2001

The Council will have before it the annual report of the Secretary General on the activities of the Union for 2001.

7. Financial results for 2001

The Council will have before it the report of the Auditors on the Union's accounts for 2001.

8. Reports on recent specialised Conferences and Meetings

(a) Seminar for French-speaking Parliaments in Africa on "Parliament and the budgetary process, including from the gender perspective"

The Council will have before it a report on the Seminar organised under the Union's Technical Cooperation Programme, in cooperation with UNDP and the World Bank (Bamako, 1 - 3 November 2001).

* The Executive Committee will supplement this provisional agenda, if necessary, at its 236th session to be held in Geneva in January 2002 and at its 237th session to be held in Marrakech in March 2002.

(b) Parliamentary Meeting on the occasion of the 4th WTO Ministerial Conference
The Council will have before it a report on the Parliamentary Meeting organised in cooperation with the European Parliament and other parliamentary assemblies (Doha, 11 November 2001).

(c) Conference on International Humanitarian Law for the Protection of Civilians during Armed Conflict in Africa

The Council will have before it a report on the Conference organised by the Union of African Parliaments with IPU and ICRC sponsorship (Niamey, 18 to 20 February 2002).

9. Cooperation with the United Nations system

The Council will receive a progress report on the cooperation between the IPU and the UN system and in particular on the stage reached in negotiations concerning the establishment of a new and strengthened relationship between the Union and the General Assembly of the United Nations and its subsidiary bodies.

10. Reform of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

The Council will have before it a consolidated report submitted by the Executive Committee on possible structures and functioning of the Union in the future.

11. Construction of new headquarters for the Union in Geneva

The Council will receive a progress report on matters concerned with the new IPU headquarters in Geneva.

12. Action by the IPU to strengthen democracy and parliamentary institutions in the world

13. Activities of plenary bodies and specialised committees

The Council will examine the reports of the following bodies and committees and will hold elections to fill any vacant seats within them:

- (a) Meeting of Women Parliamentarians
- (b) Meeting of Representatives of Parties to the CSCM Process
- (c) Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians
 - (i) Election of one substitute member
 - (ii) Report of the Committee
- (d) Committee for Sustainable Development
 - (i) Election of one substitute member
 - (ii) Report of the Committee
- (e) Committee on Middle East Questions
 - (i) Election of one titular member
 - (ii) Report of the Committee
- (f) Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law
- (g) Group of facilitators for Cyprus
 - (i) Election of one facilitator
 - (ii) Report of the facilitators
- (h) Gender Partnership Group

14. Future Inter-Parliamentary meetings

- (a) Statutory meetings
- (b) Specialised meetings and other events

The Council will have before it the list of meetings included in the Union's programme, as well as any proposals for the holding of future events.

15. Election to the Executive Committee

(Cf. Article 23 of the Statutes and Rules 37, 38 and 39 of the Rules of the Council)

The Council will be required to elect one member to replace Mr. H. Gjellerod (Denmark) who is no longer a member of parliament.

3. SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

In conformity with Council Rule 13, members of the Council may request the inclusion of supplementary items in the agenda. Such items must fall within the competence of the Council which, according to Article 20.1 of the Statutes, determines and guides the activities of the Union and controls their implementation.

Any requests for the inclusion of supplementary items will be immediately transmitted by the Secretariat to all Council members. After hearing the opinion of the Executive Committee, the Council shall decide on such a request by a majority of votes cast if the request was received by the Secretariat at least 15 days before the opening of the session; otherwise by a two-thirds majority.

4. DOCUMENTS

To the extent possible working documents regarding various items of the provisional agenda will be sent out to members in advance.

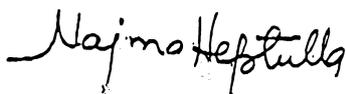
5. GENERAL INFORMATION

The convocation of the 107th Conference (CONF/107/C.1) contains information relating to the Marrakech session of the union. Moreover, the invitation of the Parliament of Morocco provides all necessary details relating to the registration of delegates and accommodation.

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Yours sincerely,



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of the Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union



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