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Mexico City, 15 - 23 April 2004



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15 January 2004

**CONVOCATION**  
**174<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE**  
**INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION**  
**Mexico, 19 and 23 April 2004**

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Dear Madam,  
Dear Sir,

We have pleasure in informing you that the Governing Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will hold its 174<sup>th</sup> session at the *Centro de Convenciones del Sheraton Centro Histórico de la Ciudad de México*, in Mexico City.

The Governing Council will hold a brief first sitting at 9 a.m. on Monday 19 April when it will consider primarily any requests for affiliation or reaffiliation to the Union. It will hold its second sitting from 10 a.m. to approximately 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday 23 April.

**1. PARTICIPATION**

The Governing Council is composed of three members from each parliament represented in the IPU\*. The Members are asked to confirm the names of their representatives to the Governing Council by 18 April 2004 at the latest, so that the Secretariat can update the list of Governing Council members in the IPU Directory.

In accordance with Governing Council Rule 2, "a member of the Governing 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.

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\* Provided that its representation on the Governing Council includes both men and women (cf. Governing Council Rule 1.2)

## 2. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The provisional agenda for the session prepared by the Executive Committee at its 241<sup>st</sup> session is as follows:

**1. Adoption of the agenda**

*The Governing Council will adopt its agenda at the beginning of its proceedings.*

**2. Approval of the summary records of the 173<sup>rd</sup> session of the Governing Council**

*Members requesting corrections to the summary records of the 173<sup>rd</sup> session (CL/173/SR.1) are requested to notify the Union's Secretariat in writing before the opening of the 174<sup>th</sup> session.*

**3. Proposals for the election of the President of the 110<sup>th</sup> Assembly**

**4. Questions relating to IPU membership**

(a) Requests for affiliation and reaffiliation to the Union

(b) Situation of certain members

*The Governing Council will decide on any requests for affiliation and reaffiliation and review the situation of certain Members on the basis of the report of the Executive Committee.*

**5. Report of the President**

(a) On his activities since the 173<sup>rd</sup> session of the Governing Council

(b) On the activities of the Executive Committee

*The Governing Council will have before it the President's report on his activities and will hear an oral report on the activities of the Executive Committee.*

**6. Annual Report by the Secretary General on the activities of the Union for 2003**

*The Governing Council will have before it the report of the Secretary General on the activities of the Union in 2003.*

**7. Reports on recent IPU specialised conferences and meetings**

*The Governing Council will hear reports on:*

(a) Parliamentary panel within the framework of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS);

(b) Seminar for Chairpersons and Members of Parliamentary Human Rights Bodies.

**8. Cooperation with the United Nations System**

*The Governing Council will receive a progress report on the cooperation between the IPU and the UN system*

**9. Second Conference of Presiding Officers of National Parliaments**

*The Governing Council will hear a report on the first meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference.*

**10. Financial results for 2003**

*The Governing Council will have before it the report of the Auditors on the Union's accounts for 2003.*

**11. Action by the IPU to strengthen democracy and parliamentary institutions**

**12. Activities of committees and other bodies**

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

- (a) Meeting of Women Parliamentarians
- (b) Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians
- (c) Meeting of representatives of parties to the CSCM process
- (d) Committee on Middle East Questions
- (e) Group of Facilitators for Cyprus
- (f) Gender Partnership Group

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*The Governing Council will approve the list of international organisations and other bodies invited to follow the work of the Assembly as observers.*

**14. Future Inter-Parliamentary meetings**

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

*The Governing Council will review the list of meetings included in the Union's programme and consider any proposals for 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 Governing Council)

*The Governing Council will be required to elect one member to replace Ms. Pia Larsen (Denmark) whose term of office expires at the time of the Governing Council's 174<sup>th</sup> session.*

**16. Amendments to the Statutes and Rules**

*The Governing Council will be asked formally to approve amendments to Articles 10.3 and 15(c) of the Statutes.*

### 3. SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

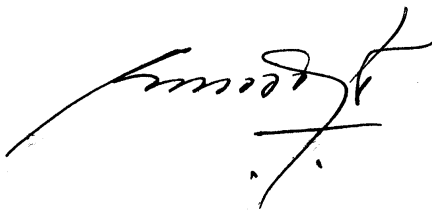
In conformity with Governing Council Rule 13, members of the Council may request the inclusion of supplementary items in the agenda. Such items must fall within the competence of the Council which, according to Article 20.1 of the Statutes, determines and guides the activities of the Union and controls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

Yours sincerely,



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of the Inter-Parliamentary Union



Anders B. JOHNSON  
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of the Inter-Parliamentary Union