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**CONVOCAATION**  
**175<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE**  
**INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION**  
**Geneva, 1 and 3 October 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 175<sup>th</sup> session at the Centre international de Conférences de Genève (CICG), in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Governing Council will hold a brief first sitting at 9. 00 a.m. on Tuesday 28 September when it will consider primarily any requests for affiliation or reaffiliation to the Union. It will hold its second sitting from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

**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 Council by 30 September 2004 at the latest, so that the Secretariat can update the list of 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.

**2. PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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\* Single gender delegations will be limited to two members (Rule 1.2 of the Rules of the Governing Council).

The provisional agenda for the session prepared by the Executive Committee at its 242<sup>nd</sup> (April 2004) 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 174<sup>th</sup> session of the Governing Council**  
*Members requesting corrections to the summary records of the 174<sup>th</sup> session (CL/174/SR.1) are requested to notify the Union's Secretariat in writing before the opening of the 175<sup>th</sup> session.*
- 3. 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.*
- 4. Report of the President**
  - (a) On his activities since the 175<sup>th</sup> session of the 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.*
- 5. Interim Report by the Secretary General on the activities of the Union since the 174<sup>th</sup> session of the Council**  
*The Governing Council will have before it the interim report of the Secretary General on the activities of the Union since the 174<sup>th</sup> session of the Council. It will also receive a consolidated report on the activities carried out by IPU Members in 2003.*
- 6. Financial situation of the Union**  
*The Governing Council will be apprised of the financial situation of the Union.*
- 7. Draft programme and budget for 2005**  
*The Governing Council will be asked to approve the proposals of the Executive Committee for the Union's programme and budget for the year 2005.*
- 8. Cooperation with the United Nations System**  
*The Governing Council will have before it proposals for the future direction of cooperation between the United Nations and the IPU.*
- 9. Second World Conference of Speakers of Parliaments**  
*The Governing Council will have before it a report on the Second Meeting of the Preparatory Committee.*
- 10. Reports on recent IPU specialised conferences and meetings**  
*The Governing Council will hear reports on:*
  - (a) Meeting of Speakers of Parliaments of the countries neighbouring Iraq on the constitutional process in Iraq
  - (b) Parliamentary Meeting on the occasion of UNCTAD XI
  - (c) Seminar for the Arab region on "Parliament and the budgetary process, including from a gender perspective"

**11. 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) Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians
- (b) CSCM Coordinating Committee
- (c) Coordinating Committee of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians
- (d) Gender Partnership Group

**12. 112<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly**

*(Manila, Philippines, 3-8 April 2005)*

**13. 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.*

**14. Appointment of two Auditors for the 2004 accounts**

*(Cf. Rules 41 of the Rules of the Governing Council)*

*The Governing Council will appoint two Auditors for a one-year term.*

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

*The Governing Council will have before it a proposal submitted by the Belgian Group to amend Rules 15.2 and 15.3 of the Rules of the Standing Committees relating to the participation of Rapporteurs in drafting committees.*

*The Governing Council is invited to give its formal approval to amendments to Rule 12.2 of the Rules of the Standing Committees concerning the submission of amendments to the Rapporteurs' draft resolutions by the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians, and to Rule 37.2 of the Rules of the Standing Committees relating to the Summary Records thereof.*

*It is also asked to give its approval to amendments to the Financial Regulations concerning accrual accounting and procurement practices.*

**16. Elections 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 two members to replace Mr. M.J. Al-Hamad Al-Saqer (Kuwait) and Ms. Z. Rios-Montt (Guatemala) whose terms of office expire at the time of the 175<sup>th</sup> session of the Governing Council.*

**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



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