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CONVOCAATION

176th SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION Manila, 4 and 8 April 2005

Dear Madam,
Dear Sir,

We have pleasure in informing you that the Governing Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will hold its 176th session in the Philippine International Convention Centre in Manila.

The Governing Council will hold a first sitting from 9 to 10 a.m. on Monday 4 April. It will hold its second and third sittings from 10 a.m. to approximately 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday 8 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 7 April 2005 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.

* 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 243rd 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 175th session of the Governing Council

Members requesting corrections to the summary records of the 175th session (CL/175/SR.1) are requested to notify the Union's Secretariat in writing before the opening of the 176th session.

3. Proposals for the election of the President of the 112th 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 175th 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 in 2004

The Governing Council will have before it the report of the Secretary General on the activities of the Union in 2004.

7. Reports on recent IPU specialised conferences and meetings

The Governing Council will hear reports on:

(a) Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations

(b) Brussels Session of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO

(c) Fourth Inter-Parliamentary Conference on Security and Cooperation in the Mediterranean (CSCM)

(d) One-day parliamentary meeting on the occasion of the 49th session of the Commission on the Status of Women: Beijing + 10

8. IPU reforms

The Governing Council will receive the report of the Executive Committee on the implementation of the reforms.

9. Cooperation with the United Nations System

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

10. Second World Conference of Speakers of Parliaments

The Governing Council will be informed of preparations for the Conference.

11. Financial results for 2004

The Governing Council will have before it the report of the Auditors on the Union's accounts for 2004.

12. Action by the IPU to strengthen democracy and parliamentary institutions**13. 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) Committee on Middle East Questions
- (d) Group of Facilitators for Cyprus
- (e) Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law
- (f) Gender Partnership Group

14. 113th IPU Assembly (Geneva, 17-19 October 2005)

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

15. 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.

16. Amendments to the Statutes and Rules

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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President
of the Inter-Parliamentary Union



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