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CONVOCAATION
179th SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE
INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION
Geneva, 16, 17 and 18 October 2006

Dear Madam,
Dear Sir,

We have pleasure in informing you that the Governing Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will hold its 179th session at the Centre international de Conférences de Genève (*CICG*), in Geneva.

The Governing Council will hold a first sitting from 9 to 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 16 October. It will hold its second sitting from 2.30 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 17 October, and its last meeting from 2.30 to 5 pm on Wednesday, 18 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 Governing Council by 15 October 2006 at the latest, so that the Secretariat can update the list of Council members.

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 authorized for that purpose". The IPU Secretariat should be notified accordingly.

2. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

* Each parliament's representation on the Governing Council must include both men and women. 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 246th (May 2006) 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 178th session of the Governing Council**
Members requesting corrections to the summary records of the 178th session (CL/178/SR.1) are requested to notify the Union's Secretariat in writing before the opening of the 179th 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 178th 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 178th 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 178th session of the Council. Under this item, members will also discuss the annual reporting exercise and decide how best to organize it in the future.
- 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 2007**
The Governing Council will be asked to approve the proposals of the Executive Committee for the Union's programme and budget for the year 2007. It will also be asked to give final approval to the revised scale of contributions. Under this item, Council Members will also have an opportunity to discuss an overall fund raising strategy for the IPU.
- 8. Cooperation with the United Nations**
The Governing Council will receive a progress report, in particular on preparations being made for the annual parliamentary hearing during the United Nations General Assembly and on progress in negotiating a UNGA resolution on cooperation between the United Nations and the IPU.

9. Consolidation of the reform of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

The Governing Council will have before it the report of the second meeting of the President's Working Group. Based on the outcome of the deliberations that will have taken place on the subject in the Executive Committee and in the geo-political groups, the Governing Council will decide on the main orientation of further reform of the Organization.

10. Reports on recent IPU specialised conferences and meetings

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) Coordinating Committee of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians
- (c) Gender Partnership Group

12. 116th IPU Assembly

(Bangkok, Thailand, 29 April – 4 May 2007)

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 2007 accounts

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

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

15. 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. H. Al Hadi (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) and Ms. A. Vadai (Hungary), whose terms of office expire at the time of the 179th session of the Governing Council.

3. SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

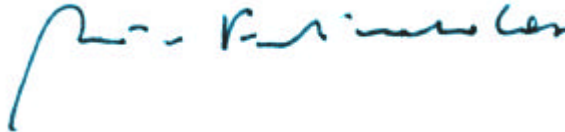
In conformity with Governing Council Rule 13, members of the Council may request the inclusion of supplementary items in the agenda. Such items must fall within the competence of the Council which, according to Article 20.1 of the Statutes, determines and guides the activities of the Union and controls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