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A. ACTIVITIES

1. The period since the 120th IPU Assembly in Addis Ababa has been taken up with activities to follow up on the results of that meeting, implement the regular programmes of the IPU and prepare for the next session of statutory meetings.
2. As can be seen from the list contained in the following section, a large number of conferences, seminars and workshops have or will have been organized by the IPU or held with its support or sponsorship by the time the 121st IPU Assembly starts its proceedings on 19 October. Many of them are reported on in separate documents that will be submitted to the Governing Council in Geneva.
3. It is worth highlighting the Parliamentary Conference on the Global Economic Crisis, which the IPU held at the United Nations in Geneva on 7 and 8 May. The meeting, which was the first ever organized of its kind, brought together close to 300 members of parliament from all corners of the globe to discuss their response to the crisis and help develop a parliamentary submission to the United Nations' own conference the following month. The IPU Conference identified a number of steps which parliaments can take to help mitigate the negative effects of the crisis and prevent its recurrence in the future.

Promoting democracy

Assisting parliaments

4. The IPU provided technical support to a number of parliaments, including Burundi, Cambodia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Maldives, Pakistan and Sierra Leone. Assistance was also extended to the Secretariat of the Palestinian Legislative Council.
5. In Burundi, the IPU has continued to promote dialogue between the various parties in parliament as a means of ensuring inclusiveness in decision-making and strengthening reconciliation. In September 2009, it organised a parliamentary retreat for the senior leadership of parliament, as well as leaders of political parties represented in parliament. The retreat reviewed mechanisms for improving dialogue and ensuring fair participation for all members in parliament's work.
6. In Cambodia, the IPU worked with UNDP to organize a retreat to build the capacity of the women parliamentarians. The two organizations also held a workshop on 15 September 2009, in celebration of the second International Day of Democracy.
7. The IPU and UNDP undertook a number of activities under a joint programme of assistance to the Parliament of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In June 2009 it held an organisational audit of the administration of both houses of Parliament.
8. In the Maldives, the IPU prepared a draft code of ethics for the parliament which is currently under review.

9. In Pakistan, the IPU continued its cooperation with the UNDP. In February 2009, a joint mission was undertaken to review activities under the first phase of the project to Strengthen Democracy through Parliament (SDPD). The mission also developed a phase II intended to strategically complement activities achieved during the first phase. The second phase is expected to begin in October 2009.

10. In cooperation with the European Commission and UNDP, the IPU organized a mission to the Secretariat of the Palestinian Legislative Council in Ramallah. The mission discussed the details of a future project to strengthen the Secretariat's capacity and effectiveness. A one-year project is being designed to improve the Secretariat's readiness to provide effective service to the PLC upon its resumption. The project will be implemented in cooperation with UNDP and funded by the European Commission.

11. In Sierra Leone, the IPU continued to assist the Parliament with the drafting of its strategic plan. Efforts were also devoted to the finalisation of a project document to be implemented in cooperation with UNDP.

12. The IPU fielded a fact-finding mission to the Parliament of Zimbabwe in May 2009. The mission was designed to identify areas where the IPU could support the Parliament in the context of the ongoing reconciliation process as well as in the day-to-day functioning of the parliament. A second mission was undertaken in September by the IPU Secretary General, to agree the details of such support. A project proposal is expected to be submitted to the authorities of the Parliament.

13. The IPU and the World Bank Institute (WBI) joined forces to develop and deliver, through distance learning technologies, a course for *Parliaments in Conflict Affected Countries*. The first session of the course took place in May 2009, with the participation of the Parliaments of Liberia and Sierra Leone and the South Sudan Legislative Assembly.

Human rights

14. The human rights programme was servicing the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians in preparation for and follow-up to its last session that was held from 28 June to 1st July in Geneva. At that session, the Committee examined 62 cases, four of which for the first time. It also held five hearings with the sources in some of the cases. At the session in July, the Committee's total case-load concerned 262 parliamentarians in 30 countries.

15. At its July session, the Committee considered that the seriousness and complexity of the many cases it is examining in Colombia warranted an on site mission to Colombia. It asked its Vice-President, Senator Rosario Green, of Mexico, and the Secretary General to carry out this mission. They consequently travelled to Bogota, where they met, from 22 to 24 August, with the President of the Republic and Ministers of his Cabinet, the Presidents of the Colombian Senate and House of Representatives, the President of the Supreme Court, and the Prosecutor General and Attorney General of Colombia. They also met with current and former members of Congress who are under threat and with family members of those who were assassinated. The discussions focused on encouraging progress in the investigations into the murder of parliamentarians, strengthening protection for those at risk and ensuring full respect for the right to fair trial for members of congress. The delegation will present its findings and recommendations to the Committee at its next session in October.

16. As part of a capacity-building project it launched in June 2008 to enable parliaments to become fully involved in the process of national reconciliation and institutional reform, the IPU organized several national seminars following the regional seminar held in Sierra Leone in June 2008. These parliamentary events provided the participants with an opportunity to assess the major challenges facing them and identify ways and means of addressing them.

17. A national seminar for parliamentarians was held from 29 to 30 April 2009 in Freetown, Sierra Leone. The participants set themselves specific objectives based on concrete recommendations. In order to achieve those objectives, measures and implementation deadlines were identified. A steering committee was set up to that end.

18. A regional conference was held from 13 to 14 July 2009 at the Rwandan Parliament in Kigali. The meeting brought together members of parliament from Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Rwanda and the United Republic of Tanzania.

19. On 16 September, the IPU co-organized with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation a parallel event at the 12th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council on "The role of parliaments in the Universal Periodic Review". The panel, which was attended by representatives of Permanent Missions to the United Nations in Geneva and members of non-governmental organizations gave rise to an interesting debate from which it clearly emerged that, for this new process to become an effective instrument for the promotion and protection of human rights, the involvement of parliaments will be crucial.

20. In cooperation with the International Labour Organization and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, the IPU is preparing a handbook for parliamentarians on migration and human rights. A first draft has been prepared and is currently under review. The handbook should be published by the end of this year.

Women in politics

21. In partnership with the Parliament of Burundi, the IPU concluded a two year project in support of women parliamentarians, funded by the United Nations Democracy Fund. The most recent activities were aimed at supporting parliamentary action in the area of implementing the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). Activities were held to inform parliamentarians about obligations and rights contained in the Convention, pinpoint discriminatory laws and devise parliamentary action. A survey was also conducted on the legislative priorities of women MPs and its results discussed with civil society organizations. The project ended with the discussion of a plan of action for the Burundian Parliament on equality and women's rights in Burundi.

22. The IPU and UNDP Jordan signed a Memorandum of Understanding aiming to support the House of Representatives of Jordan to promote women in parliament and respect for women's rights. As part of the activities included in the joint programme of cooperation, a seminar on budget and equality was held in July 2009. The programme also helped establish a working group to review and repeal discriminatory provisions in Jordanian laws to comply with the provisions of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

23. The Fifth Meeting of Women Speakers of Parliament was held in July 2009, organized by the IPU and hosted by the Austrian National Council. It addressed challenges encountered in achieving Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 3 to promote gender equality, in particular violence against women and the financial crisis. The Speakers also signed up to UNIFEM's *Say NO to Violence against Women Campaign*.

24. The IPU presented a report to the United Nations Committee on Discrimination against Women, meeting in New York in July. The report provided information on women in parliament in the respective countries considered at the session and on the level of parliamentary involvement in the CEDAW reporting process.

25. Work was pursued on IPU's latest research project on Gender Sensitive Parliaments Survey. Survey questionnaires were sent to parliamentary authorities, members of parliament and parliamentary groups.

26. The IPU launched its parliamentary campaign to end violence against women. It created a section on its website on the campaign (<http://www.ipu.org/vaw>), brought out a publication on parliament's role in ending violence against women and produced campaign material to support parliaments in marking the 10th anniversary of the formal proclamation of 25 November as International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

27. The IPU has again contributed to the Millennium Development Goals Report and the UNDP Human Development Report, providing data on the number of women in parliament, as it does every year. Research on the functioning of parliamentary committees that deal with gender equality and the status of women has been broadened in scope to include parliamentary caucuses of women parliamentarians. Finally, the IPU took part in a Regional Conference on Women in Parliament in Arab States, organized by UNDP in Beirut, Lebanon, in July.

28. The IPU has continued to collaborate in the International Knowledge Network of Women in Politics (www.iKNOWPolitics.org) along with its partners, the United Nations Programme for Development (UNDP), the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) and the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI).

Child related activities

29. At a seminar hosted by the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica and organized by the IPU and UNICEF, parliamentarians from 14 Latin American countries came together to discuss strategies to prevent and eliminate violence against children. The participants adopted recommendations for parliamentary action on aspects of violence prevention and elimination.

Development issues

30. The IPU continued to follow up on the resolution adopted in Cape Town in 2008 on "Parliamentary oversight of State policies on foreign aid". It worked with the Development Cooperation Forum (DCF) of the United Nations Economic and Social Council in its efforts to improve the effectiveness of development cooperation. The IPU is also a member of the OECD-led Working Party on Aid Effectiveness that monitors progress towards achieving the objectives of the Paris Declaration and the Accra Agenda for Action. The IPU co-chairs a working group on promoting domestic accountability towards greater aid effectiveness.

31. Case-studies undertaken by the IPU during the year reviewed the level of parliamentary involvement in planning and assessing national development plans and programmes in Tanzania and Zambia. The aim of the studies is to inform how best to enable parliaments to assume responsibility and take ownership of development plans and their implementation.

32. During the past few months the IPU has begun supporting a new project in the Asia-Pacific region, the facility for Capacity Development for Development Effectiveness (CDDE). Headed by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the World Bank Institute (WBI), and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the CDDE aims to develop capacities for aid effectiveness by bringing together MPs, civil society representatives, donors and government ministries.

Cooperation with the United Nations System

33. The IPU participated in the United Nations Conference on the Financial Crisis and its impact on Development on 20-26 June. The Outcome Document of the UN conference encouraged the IPU "to continue to contribute to the development of global responses to the crisis".

34. A preparatory committee for the 3rd World Conference of Speakers of Parliament in July 2010 met at IPU Headquarters on 17-18 July. The 25 Speakers on the Committee decided inter alia that the parliamentary Summit would look at ways of further strengthening the UN-IPU partnership and that its outcome would be presented to the United Nations 2010 Summit in September of the same year.

35. On 24 September, the IPU held a briefing in New York for members of parliament attending the General Debate at the opening of the 64th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

36. Preparations began for the 2009 Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations (19-20 November) entitled "*The Way Forward - Building political support and implementing effective responses to the global economic crisis*", the 4th United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in 2011, and for the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP15) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), taking place in Copenhagen in December 2009.

37. In order to better reflect the level of cooperation between the IPU and UNDP, the Secretary General and the UNDP Administrator began talks on reviewing and updating the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the two Organizations in 2007.

38. In addition to the foregoing activities, on 30 September 2009 the IPU organized, within the framework of the annual WTO Public Forum, a panel discussion on the dangers of trade protectionism as a policy response at the time of the global economic crisis. On the following day, the IPU hosted a session of the Steering Committee of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO which focused on the current situation in the Doha Round of multilateral trade talks.

Administration and Finance

39. During the first half of 2009, the world economy continued to suffer from the effects of the global financial crisis that began in the latter part of 2008. In terms of foreign exchange rates, the main budgetary impact of differences in the USD/CHF rate arises from the IPU New York office. The US dollar showed some recovery during the first quarter, but has weakened again significantly, thereby providing a favorable impact against overall operating expenses. Swiss inflation, as well as that of most countries, remains relatively benign as commodity prices have dropped in the wake of the economic recession. With operating expenditures being kept within the budgetary appropriations, the financial situation appears stable and healthy with an operating surplus being projected at the year's end.

40. The primary concern for the IPU in the medium term remains the liability in relation to the pensions of former employees. The recovery in the equity and bond markets enabled the pension fund to recover significantly from the market lows recorded in February/March 2009. Members must remain aware of the Organization's obligation to provide sufficient funding in order to meet the pension obligations of its former staff members.

41. As regards assessed contributions, some Members have not paid their contributions and, as a result, may lose their voting rights or be suspended from affiliation to the Union. In preparation of this, the IPU has foreseen appropriate provisions in its doubtful account reserve.

42. Sustained efforts to mobilize voluntary funds for the IPU have resulted in project funds being secured from Finland for human rights activities, from UNDP for various projects and from the European Commission for a parliamentary project in Equatorial Guinea. Additional funds are being negotiated with the Belgian Government for activities in West Africa in cooperation with the Sahel and West Africa Club (SWAC).

B. MEETINGS

43. In the six-month period leading up to the 121st Assembly, the following meetings have or will have been convened by the Union, or held with its support or sponsorship:

- Regional meeting for Twelve Plus parliaments on the rights of persons with disabilities
- Parliamentary Conference on the Global Economic Crisis
- Fifth Meeting of Women Speakers of Parliament
- Regional Conference on the contribution of parliament to the national reconciliation and institutional reform agenda
- Parliamentary Conference on Democracy in Africa
- Fourth Conference for members of Parliamentary Committees on the Status of Women and other committees dealing with gender equality "Is parliament open to women?: an appraisal"
- Parliamentary Panel within the framework of the Annual WTO Public Forum
- Conference of iKNOW Politics Partners on the contribution of media and information technology to the number and effectiveness of women in politics

C. PUBLICATIONS

44. The following publications have been issued in recent months:

- ◆ The World of Parliaments
- ◆ Brochure "Guidelines for Parliamentary Websites"
- ◆ Handbook "Combating Trafficking in Persons"
- ◆ Brochure "A Parliamentary Response to Violence Against Women"
- ◆ Posters "Violence against Women"
- ◆ Leaflet "Guidelines on the rights and duties of the opposition in parliament"
- ◆ Poster "International Day of Democracy 2009"
- ◆ Brochure "International Day of Democracy 2009"
- ◆ Brochure "Mobilizing parliamentary support for the Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries"

D. IPU MEMBERSHIP

45. The IPU's membership currently comprises 153 Member Parliaments and 8 International Parliamentary Assemblies as Associate Members:

Members (153)

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Palestine, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe

Associate Members (8)

Andean Parliament, Central American Parliament, East African Legislative Assembly, European Parliament, Inter-Parliamentary Committee of the West African Economic and Monetary Union, Latin American Parliament, Parliament of the Economic Community of West African States, and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

E. STATUTORY BODIES

ASSEMBLY

46. The 120th Assembly took place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 5 to 10 April 2009. Preparations are underway for the 122nd Assembly which will be held in Bangkok (Thailand), from 27 March to 1 April 2010.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE ASSEMBLY

47. In Addis Ababa, the following items were considered by the Standing Committees and the related resolutions adopted by the 120th Assembly:

- Advancing nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament, and securing the entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty: The role of parliaments
- Climate change, sustainable development models, and renewable energies
- Freedom of expression and the right to information

Emergency item:

- The role of parliaments in mitigating the social and political impact of the international economic and financial crisis on the most vulnerable sectors of the global community, especially in Africa

48. The Governing Council elected the Bureau and the two co-rapporteurs for each of these Committees. The composition of the Bureaux is as follows:

PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

President:	Mr. T. Boa (Côte d'Ivoire)	<i>African Group</i>
First Vice-President:	Mr. E. Zialcita (Philippines)	<i>Asia-Pacific Group</i>
Vice-Presidents:	TITULAR	SUBSTITUTE
<i>African Group</i>	<i>Current President</i>	Mr. Z. Madasa (South Africa)
<i>Arab Group</i>	Mr. B. Boutouiga (Algeria)	Mr. A. El Kadiri (Morocco)
<i>Asia-Pacific Group</i>	<i>Current First Vice-President</i>	Mr. J.D. Seelam (India)
<i>Eurasia Group</i>	Mr. V. Likhachev (Russian Federation)	Mr. V. Popov (Belarus)
<i>Latin American Group</i>	Mr. A. Gutiérrez Cueva (Peru)	Mr. A. Santos (Brazil)
<i>Twelve Plus Group</i>	Mr. A. Destexhe (Belgium)	Mr. J. Pflug (Germany)

Rapporteurs of the Standing Committee to the 122nd Assembly:

Ms. M.T. Ortuño (Mexico)
Mr. Apiwan Wiriyachai (Thailand)

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AND TRADE

President:	Mr. P. Martin-Lalande (France)	<i>Twelve Plus Group</i>
First Vice-President:	Mr. S. Al Hossaini (Saudi Arabia)	<i>Arab Group</i>
Vice-Presidents:	T I T U L A R	S U B S T I T U T E
<i>African Group</i>	Mr. S. Jackou (Niger)	Mr. K. Mporogomyi (United Republic of Tanzania)
<i>Arab Group</i>	<i>Current First Vice-President</i>	Mr. M. El Said (Egypt)
<i>Asia-Pacific Group</i>	Ms. S. Tioulong (Cambodia)	Ms. D. Vale (Australia)
<i>Eurasia Group</i>	Vacancy	Mr. B.Z. Zhambalnimbuev (Russian Federation)
<i>Latin American Group</i>	Mr. A. Lins (Brazil)	Mr. R. Machuca (El Salvador)
<i>Twelve Plus Group</i>	<i>Current President</i>	Mr. F. Notari (Monaco)

Rapporteurs of the Standing Committee to the 122nd Assembly:

Mr. F.-X. de Donnea (Belgium)
Mr. G. Lubinda (Zambia)

DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

President:	Vacant	<i>Latin American Group</i>
First Vice-President:	Mr. Y. Zhumabayev (Kazakhstan)	<i>Eurasia Group</i>
Vice-Presidents:	T I T U L A R	S U B S T I T U T E
<i>African Group</i>	Mr. A.K. Bagbin (Ghana)	Ms. M.G. Chetima (Niger)
<i>Arab Group</i>	Mr. Z. Azmy (Egypt)	Mr. J. Fairouz (Bahrain)
<i>Asia-Pacific Group</i>	Vacancy	Mr. T.J. Wan Junaidi (Malaysia)
<i>Eurasia Group</i>	<i>Current First Vice-President</i>	Mr. A. Felaliev (Tajikistan)
<i>Latin American Group</i>	<i>Current President</i>	Mr. D. Cortez (Panama)
<i>Twelve Plus Group</i>	Ms. R.M. Albernaz (Portugal)	Mr. J. Winkler (Germany)

Rapporteurs of the Standing Committee to the 122nd Assembly:

Ms. M. Lugarić (Croatia)
Mr. A.K. Bagbin (Ghana)

GOVERNING COUNCIL

49. The summary records of the Governing Council's 184th session in Addis Ababa were transmitted to the IPU membership on 29 June. The 185th session will take place in Geneva during the 121st Assembly (19-21 October).

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

50. The Executive Committee met for its 254th session in Addis Ababa. It will convene for its 255th session in Geneva during the 121st Assembly.

51. The composition of the Executive Committee is currently as follows:

Members	Expiry of term
<i>Ex-officio President:</i>	Dr. T.-B. Gurirab (Namibia) October 2011
<i>Vice-President of the Executive Committee:</i>	Ms. E. Papademetriou (Greece) October 2009
<i>IPU Vice-Presidents:</i>	Mr. J.A. Coloma (Chile) October 2011
	Ms. Z. Drif Bitat (Algeria) October 2011
	Vacancy (Indonesia)* October 2010
	Mr. A. Kozlovskiy (Russian Federation) October 2009
	Mr. R.M.K. Al Shariqi (United Arab Emirates) October 2012
<i>Members :</i>	Mr. A. Alonso Díaz-Caneja (Mexico) October 2012
	Ms. P. Cayetano (Philippines) April 2010
	Mr. Young Chin (Republic of Korea) October 2011
	Vacancy (Viet Nam)* October 2011
	Ms. J. Fotso (Cameroon) October 2010
	Mr. M.C. Nago (Benin) October 2011
	Mr. R. del Picchia (France) October 2011
	Mr. T. Toga (Ethiopia) October 2011
	Mr. G. Versnick (Belgium) October 2010
	Vacancy (Iceland)* April 2012

* The member of the Executive Committee from this country has ceased to be a parliamentarian. In accordance with Article 23.6 of the Statutes, an election shall be held at the next session of the Governing Council. If the newly elected member is from a different parliament than the outgoing member, he/she will serve a full term. Otherwise, the new member shall complete the term of office of his/her predecessor.

MEETING OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS

52. The Fourteenth Meeting of Women Parliamentarians took place during the Addis Ababa Assembly on 5 April 2009. The composition of the Coordinating Committee of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians can be found below.

OFFICERS	Expiry of term
President:	Ms. P. Cayetano (Philippines) April 2010
First Vice-President:	Ms. F. Ben Amor (Tunisia) April 2010
Second Vice-President:	Ms. M. Mensah-Williams (Namibia) April 2010

MEMBERS

Members of the Executive Committee (ex officio):

Ms. Z. Drif Bitat (Algeria)	October 2011
Ms. J. Fotso (Cameroon)	October 2010

Ms. E. Papademetriou (Greece) October 2009

Chairperson of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians (ex-officio):

Ms. S. Minale (Ethiopia) April 2011

Ms. G. Mahlangu-Nkabinde (South Africa) April 2010

TITULAR	SUBSTITUTE	<i>Expiry of term</i>
Regional representatives (elected for four years):		
<i>African Group</i>		
Ms. M. Mensah-Williams (Namibia)	Ms. S.A. Lyimo (United Republic of Tanzania)	April 2012
<i>Arab Group</i>		
Ms. A.A. Al Qubaisi (United Arab Emirates)	Ms. A. Mubarak (Bahrain)	April 2012
<i>Asia-Pacific Group</i>		
Ms. J. Hall (Australia)	Ms. F. Ajoorlou (Islamic Republic of Iran)	April 2012
<i>Eurasia Group</i>		
Ms. V. Petrenko (Russian Federation)	Ms. E. Semenova (Russian Federation)	April 2012
<i>Latin American Group</i>		
Ms. L. Menchaca (Mexico)	Ms. M. Muller (Argentina)	April 2012
<i>Twelve Plus Group</i>		
Ms. C. Markwalder Bär (Switzerland)	Ms. M. Griefahn (Germany)	April 2012
Regional representatives (elected for two years):		
<i>African Group</i>		
Ms. L.S. Changwe (Zambia)	Ms. M.G. Chetima (Niger)	April 2010
<i>Arab Group</i>		
Ms. F. Ben Amor (Tunisia)	Ms. S. Greiss (Egypt)	April 2010
<i>Asia-Pacific Group</i>		
Ms. P. Cayetano (Philippines)	Ms. P. Kaur (India)	April 2010
<i>Eurasia Group</i>		
Ms. B. Baimagambetova (Kazakhstan)	Vacancy	April 2010
<i>Latin American Group</i>		
Ms. M. Xavier (Uruguay)	Vacancy	April 2010
<i>Twelve Plus Group</i>		
Ms. A. Clywd (United Kingdom)	Ms. G. Gautier (France)	April 2010

F. SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

COMMITTEE ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF PARLIAMENTARIANS

53. The members of this Committee, who serve for a five-year term of office, are elected in their individual capacity and in such a way that all the world's regions are represented. The membership is currently as follows:

Titular members

		<i>Expiry of term</i>
President:	Ms. S. Carstairs (Canada)	April 2011
Vice-President:	Mrs. R. Green (Mexico)	October 2011
Members:	Ms. Z. Benarous (Algeria)	April 2011
	Mr. P. Mahoux (Belgium)	April 2012
	Mr. A.Q. Pimentel Jr. (Philippines)	April 2010

Substitute members

(names in order corresponding to that of titular members)

Ms. S. Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger (Germany)	October 2011
Mr. N. Ávila Contreras (Chile)	April 2012
Ms. E. Obeng Dappah (Ghana)	October 2011
Ms. A. Boumediene-Thiery (France)	April 2012
Mr. K. Jalali (Islamic Republic of Iran)	October 2010

54. The Committee will hold its 127th session from 17 to 20 October in Geneva, during the 121st Assembly.

COMMITTEE ON MIDDLE EAST QUESTIONS

55. The Committee membership is currently as follows:

Titular members

		<i>Expiry of term</i>
President:	Ms. A. Clwyd (United Kingdom)	October 2011
Members:	Mr. H. Raidel (Germany)	April 2010
	Mr. F.-X. de Donnea (Belgium)	October 2012
	Mr. A. Ponlaboot (Thailand)	April 2012
	Vacancy	
	Mr. L.H. Ishaq (Indonesia)	April 2013

Substitute members

(names in order corresponding to that of titular members)

Vacancy	
Mr. S. Janquin (France)	October 2012
Ms. L. Coutinho (Portugal)	April 2012

Vacancy

Mr. M. Sahin (Turkey)

April 2012

Vacancy

GROUP OF FACILITATORS FOR CYPRUS

56. This Group's membership is as follows:

Ms. S.E. Greiss (Egypt)

Mr. A. Dismore (United Kingdom)

Vacancy

COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

57. The Committee is currently composed of the following members:

Titular members

	<i>Expiry of term</i>
President: Ms. B. Gadiant (Switzerland)	April 2012
Members: Mr. B. Souilah (Algeria)	April 2012
Mr. H. Hamoudi (Iraq)	April 2012
Ms. W. Chandrawila (Indonesia)	April 2012
Mr. S. Gavrilov (Russian Federation)	April 2012
Mr. J.C. Romero (Argentina)	April 2012

Substitute members

(names in order corresponding to that of titular members)

	<i>Expiry of term</i>
Mr. A. Kurt (Turkey)	April 2012
Mr. J.J. Mwiimbu (Zambia)	April 2012
Ms. M. Osman Gaknoun (Sudan)	April 2012
Ms. B. Gohar (Pakistan)	April 2012
Ms. L. Ponomareva (Russian Federation)	April 2013
Ms. E. Arguedas (Costa Rica)	April 2012

COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE MEETING OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS

58. This Committee, which is a subsidiary body of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians, includes both *ex officio* and elected members. The current Committee membership can be found on pages 11-12. The Committee will meet in Geneva on 19 October during the 121st Assembly.

GENDER PARTNERSHIP GROUP

59. This Group is composed of the following four members appointed by the Executive Committee:

Vacant

Ms. Z. Drif Bitat (Algeria)

Mr. R. del Picchia (France)

Ms. P. Cayetano (Philippines)

MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE RESIDUAL STAFF PENSION FUND

60. The Management Board's current membership is as follows:

President: Mr. R. del Picchia (France), member of the Executive Committee

Members: Mr. J.-M. Mivelaz (Lombard Odier Darier Hentsch Bank)

Mr. A.B. Johnsson, Secretary General of the IPU

Mr. J. Jennings and Ms. J. Toedtli, Representatives of the Union's Staff Association

Ms. E. Riz-à-Porta, Representative of the pensioners

INTERNAL AUDITORS OF THE UNION'S ACCOUNTS FOR THE 2009 FINANCIAL YEAR

Mr. D. Reisiegel (Czech Republic)

Mr. C.S. Atwal (India)