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**CONVOCATION
185th SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE
INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION
Geneva, 19 and 21 October 2009**

Dear Madam,
Dear Sir,

We have pleasure in informing you that the Governing Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will hold its 185th session at the *Centre international de Conférences de Genève (CICG)*, in Geneva.

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 October 2009 at the latest.

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. DOCUMENTS

To the extent possible, working documents regarding various items of the provisional agenda will be sent out to members in advance.

* 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).

3. PROCEEDINGS OF THE SESSION

First sitting: Monday, 19 October, 9 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

The first sitting will start by examining items 1 to 6. It will then receive a presentation of the *Draft Programme and Budget for 2010* (item 7). Time permitting, the Governing Council will also cover items 10: *Reports on Recent IPU specialized conferences and meetings*, and 15: *Appointment of two Auditors for the 2010 accounts*. At the end of the first sitting, the President of the IPU will present a new Parliamentary Handbook on Migration.

The greater part of the first sitting will be given over to the presentation of the *draft Programme and Budget for 2010*. Each geopolitical group will be invited to select a spokesperson on the budget who will report their group's comments and views when the budget is opened for discussion on Wednesday, 21 October.

Second and third sittings: Wednesday, 21 October, 9 to 11.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

At its second sitting, the Governing Council will debate and adopt the *draft programme and budget for 2010* (item 7). It will then consider items 9, *Consolidation of the Reform of the Inter-Parliamentary Union*, item 17, *Appointment of the Secretary General*, and item 11(b), *Report of the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians*. Under item 9, the Council will be invited to express its views on the format of the second Assembly of the year.

At its third sitting, the Governing Council will examine all remaining items on its agenda.

4. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The provisional agenda for the session prepared by the Executive Committee at its 254th (April 2009) 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 184th session of the Governing Council

Members requesting corrections to the summary records of the 184th session (CL/184/SR.1) are asked to notify the Union's Secretariat in writing before the opening of the 185th session.

3. Questions relating to IPU membership

- (a) Requests for affiliation and reaffiliation to the Union
- (b) Situation of certain Members
- (c) Observer status

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 184th session of the Council
 - (b) On the activities of the Executive Committee
- 5. Interim Report by the Secretary General on the activities of the Union since the 184th session of the Governing Council**
- 6. Financial situation of the Union**
- 7. Draft programme and budget for 2010**
- 8. Cooperation with the United Nations System**
- 9. Consolidation of the reform of the Inter-Parliamentary Union**

The Governing Council will in particular express its views on the new format of the Second Assembly of the year.
- 10. Reports on recent IPU specialized 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) Coordinating Committee of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians
 - (b) Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians
 - (c) Committee on Middle East Questions
 - (d) Gender Partnership Group
 - (e) Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS
- 12. 122nd IPU Assembly**

The 122nd IPU Assembly will take place in Bangkok (Thailand) from 27 March to 1st April 2010.
- 13. Future Inter-Parliamentary meetings**
 - (a) Statutory meetings
 - (b) Specialized meetings and other events
- 14. Preparations for the Third World Conference of Speakers of Parliament**
- 15. Appointment of two Auditors for the 2010 accounts**

(Cf. Rules 41 of the Rules of the Governing Council)
- 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 elect three members to replace Mr. A. Kozlovskiy (Russian Federation) and Ms. E. Papademetriou (Greece) whose terms of office expire at the time of the 185th session of the Governing Council, and Ms. A. Möller (Iceland) who is no longer a member of parliament.
- 17. Appointment of the Secretary General**

5. 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.

We look forward to fruitful discussions in the Governing Council next October and remain,

Yours sincerely,



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