



## AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES AND RULES

### Amendments to Articles 21(l) and 24(h) of the Statutes

*The following amendments will be considered by the Executive Committee at its 266<sup>th</sup> session. At its 192<sup>nd</sup> session, the Governing Council will express its opinion on the matter through a simple majority vote. The amendments will subsequently be submitted to the 128<sup>th</sup> Assembly for decision by a two-thirds majority vote.*

**Proposed amendments submitted on 13 December 2012 by Mr. Juan Antonio Coloma C.,  
Senator, President of the Chilean IPU Group**

#### Article 21

Amend sub-paragraph (l) to read as follows:

(l) To appoint the Secretary General of the Union **striving to guarantee rotation among the various geographical regions** (cf. Art. 26.1; Secretariat Rule 3);

#### Article 24

Amend sub-paragraph (h) to read as follows:

(h) To examine candidates for the post of Secretary General with the aim of submitting a proposal to the Governing Council **that takes into consideration to the extent possible the need to guarantee regular rotation among the various geographical regions**; to establish the terms of office of the Secretary General appointed by the Governing Council;

**COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL  
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHILEAN IPU GROUP**

Valparaíso, Chile, 11 December 2012

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

The global nature of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the principle of equality of its Members will be strengthened if Article 19.2 of the Statutes is modified so that election of the Office of the President of the Organization is subjected to regular rotation among the various geopolitical groups as set forth in Article 25 of the Statutes.

We are convinced that for this reason and given the IPU's desire to benefit fully from the cultural diversity that is the world's richness, there is a need to approve a similar provision in the legal texts that govern the appointment of the Secretary General of the Organization.

Therefore, the Chilean IPU Group wishes to submit amendments to the Statutes of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Rules of the Secretariat, which are hereto attached.

Thank you in advance, Mr. Secretary General, for communicating this letter and the attached amendments to all IPU Member Parliaments in accordance with Article 28.1 of the Statutes.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary General, the assurance of my highest consideration.

(signed)

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