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CONVOCATION

192nd SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

Quito, 23, 26 and 27 March 2013

Dear Madam,
Dear Sir,

We have pleasure in informing you that the Governing Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will hold its 192nd session at the *Centro de Convenciones Paseo San Francisco*.

The Governing Council will hold a first sitting from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday, 23 March. Its second sitting will be held on Tuesday 26 March from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m., and the third and final sitting will be held on Wednesday 27 March from 9 to 11 a.m.

1. PARTICIPATION

The Governing Council is composed of three members from each parliament represented in the IPU*.

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.

* 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).

2. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The provisional agenda for the session, prepared by the Executive Committee at its 265th session (October 2012), 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 191st session of the Governing Council**
Members requesting corrections to the summary records of the 191st session (CL/191/SR.1) are asked to notify the IPU Secretariat in writing before the opening of the 192nd session.
3. **Proposals for the election of the President of the 128th Assembly**
4. **Questions relating to IPU membership**
 - (a) Requests for IPU membership
 - (b) Situation of certain Members
 - (c) Observer status*The Governing Council will decide on any requests for membership and review the situation of certain Members on the basis of the report of the Executive Committee. It will also examine any requests for observer status.*
5. **Report of the President**
 - (a) On his activities since the 191st session of the Governing Council
 - (b) On the activities of the Executive Committee
6. **Annual Report by the Secretary General on the activities of the IPU for 2012**
7. **Reports on recent IPU specialized meetings**
8. **Implementation of the IPU Strategy 2012-2017**
9. **Cooperation with the United Nations System**
10. **Financial results for 2012**
The Governing Council will have before it the report of the Auditors on the Union's accounts for 2012.
11. **Action by the IPU to strengthen democracy and parliamentary institutions**
12. **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
 - (g) Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS
 - (h) Meeting of young parliamentarians

13. **129th IPU Assembly (Geneva, 14-16 October 2013)**
14. **Future Inter-Parliamentary meetings**
 - (a) Statutory meetings
 - (b) Specialized meetings and other events
15. **Amendments to the Statutes and Rules**
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 one member to replace Mr. M.A.M. Al-Ghanim (Kuwait) who is no longer a parliamentarian.
17. **Other business**

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.

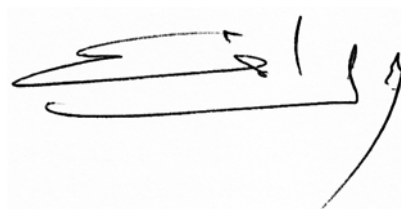
4. DOCUMENTS

To the extent possible, working documents regarding various items of the provisional agenda will be sent out to Members and posted on the IPU website in advance.

Yours sincerely,



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of the Inter-Parliamentary Union



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