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7 June 2013

**CONVOCATION
193rd SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION
Geneva, 7 and 9 October 2013**

Dear Madam,
Dear Sir,

We have pleasure in informing you that the Governing Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will hold its 193rd 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. 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. PROCEEDINGS OF THE SESSION

The first sitting of the Governing Council will take place on Monday, 7 October, from 9 to 11 a.m., and will start by examining items 1 to 6. It will then receive a presentation of the draft Programme and Budget for 2014 (item 7). Time permitting, the Governing Council will also cover item 10: Reports on recent IPU specialized meetings.

At its second sitting, to be held on Wednesday, 9 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Governing Council will debate and adopt the draft Programme and Budget for 2014 (item 7) and will then proceed to examine other agenda items. At its third sitting, to be held on Wednesday, 9 October, from 2.30 to 4 p.m., the Governing Council will examine all remaining items on its agenda.

When the budget is opened for discussion on Wednesday, each geopolitical group will be invited to select a spokesperson on the budget who will report their group's comments and views.

3. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The provisional agenda for the session, prepared by the Executive Committee at its 266th session (March 2013), 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 192nd session of the Governing Council

The summary records of the 192nd session were sent to Members on 21 May 2013. Members requesting corrections to the summary records of the 192nd session (CL/192/SR.1) are asked to notify the IPU Secretariat in writing before the opening of the 193rd session.

3. Questions relating to IPU membership and observer status

- (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.

4. Report of the President

- (a) On his activities since the 192nd session of the Governing Council
- (b) On the activities of the Executive Committee

5. Interim Report of the Secretary General on the activities of the IPU since the 192nd session of the Governing Council

6. Financial situation of the IPU

7. Draft programme and budget for 2014

8. Implementation of the IPU Strategy for 2012-2017

9. Cooperation with the United Nations system

10. Reports on recent IPU specialized 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 Women Parliamentarians
- (b) Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians
- (c) Committee on Middle East Questions
- (d) Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law
- (e) Gender Partnership Group
- (f) Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS and Maternal, Newborn and Child Health
- (g) Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU

12. 130th IPU Assembly

The 130th Assembly will take place in Baku (Azerbaijan) from 9 to 13 April 2014

13. Future inter-parliamentary meetings

- (a) Statutory meetings
- (b) Specialized and other meetings

14. Amendments to the Statutes and Rules

15. Appointment of two Auditors for the 2014 accounts

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 four members to replace Mr. K. Chshmaritian (Armenia), Mr. Nhem Thavy (Cambodia), Mr. K. Örnfjäder (Sweden) and Mr. P.-F. Veillon (Switzerland), whose terms end in October 2013.

4. 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.

5. DOCUMENTS

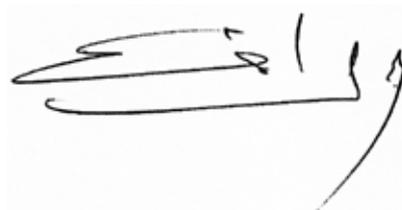
To the extent possible, working documents regarding various items of the provisional agenda will be sent out to Members and posted on the IPU website in advance.

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

Yours sincerely,



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