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130th IPU ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

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CONVOCATION **194th SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL** **OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION** **Geneva, 17 and 20 March 2014**

Dear Madam,
Dear Sir,

We have pleasure in informing you that the Governing Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will hold its 194th 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, 17 March, from 9 to 10.45 a.m., and will start by examining items 1 to 5. Time permitting, the Governing Council will also cover item 6: *Reports on recent IPU specialized meetings*.

At its second sitting, to be held on Thursday, 20 March, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Governing Council will start by electing the new Secretary General of the IPU and then continue with other business. At its third sitting, to be held in the afternoon of the same day, from 2.30 to 5 p.m., the Governing Council will examine all remaining items on its agenda.

3. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The provisional agenda for the session, prepared by the Executive Committee at its 267th session (October 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 193rd session of the Governing Council

The summary records of the 193rd session (CL/193/SR.1) were sent to Members on 5 December 2013. Members requesting corrections to the summary records are asked to notify the IPU Secretariat in writing before the opening of the 194th session.

- 3. Questions relating to IPU membership**
 - (a) Requests for affiliation and reaffiliation to the IPU
 - (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 193rd session of the Governing Council
 - (b) On the activities of the Executive Committee
- 5. Annual Report by the Secretary General on the activities of the IPU for 2013**
- 6. Reports on recent IPU specialized meetings**
- 7. Implementation of the IPU Strategy for 2012-2017**
- 8. Cooperation with the United Nations system**
- 9. Financial results for 2013**

The Governing Council will have before it the report of the Auditors on the IPU's accounts for 2013.
- 10. Action by the IPU to strengthen democracy and parliamentary institutions**
- 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) 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 and Maternal, Newborn and Child Health
 - (h) Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU
- 12. 131st IPU Assembly (Geneva, October 2014)**
- 13. Future Inter-parliamentary meetings**
 - (a) Statutory meetings
 - (b) Specialized meetings and other events
- 14. Amendments to the Statutes and Rules**

As a follow-up to a series of amendments to the Statutes and Rules approved at its 193rd session, the Council will be called upon to approve additional amendments pertaining to the functioning of the following bodies:

 - (a) Meeting of Women Parliamentarians
 - (b) Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians
 - (c) Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU
- 15. 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 two members to replace Mr. Donald H. Oliver (Canada) and Mr. Josef P. Winkler (Germany), who are no longer members of parliament and whose terms end respectively in October 2014 and October 2015.
- 16. Election of the Secretary General**

(cf. Articles 21 (l) and 28.1 of the Statutes and Rules 3.1 of the Rules of the Secretariat of the Inter-Parliamentary Union)

The Governing Council will elect a new Secretary General of the IPU to replace Mr. Anders B. Johnsson, whose final term ends on 30 June 2014.

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 IPU 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

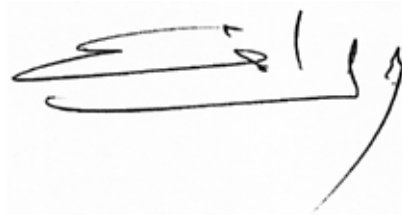
To the extent possible, working documents regarding various items of the provisional agenda will be sent out to Members and posted on the IPU website in advance.

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

Yours sincerely,



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of the Inter-Parliamentary Union



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