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# 133<sup>rd</sup> IPU ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

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## Convocation of the 197<sup>th</sup> session of the Governing Council of the IPU

Geneva, 18 and 21 October 2015

Madam President,  
Mr. President,

We have pleasure in informing you that the Governing Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will hold its 197<sup>th</sup> session at the *Centre international de Conférences de Genève (CICG)*, in Geneva.

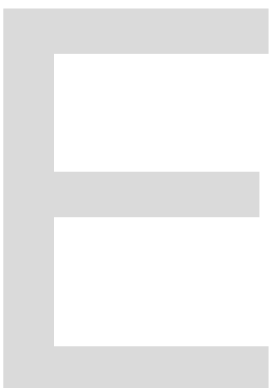
### 1. PARTICIPATION

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 Sunday, 18 October, from 9 to 10.45 a.m., and will start by examining items 1 to 6. It will then receive a presentation of the draft *Programme and Budget for 2016* (item 7). Time permitting, the Governing Council will also cover item 10: *Reports on recent IPU specialized meetings*.

At its second and third sittings, to be held on Wednesday, 21 October, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to approximately 5 p.m., the Governing Council will debate and adopt the *draft Programme and Budget for 2016* (item 7) and will then proceed to examine other agenda items.



### 3 PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The provisional agenda for the session, established by the Executive Committee at its 271<sup>st</sup> session (March 2015), is as follows:

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Approval of the summary records of the 196<sup>th</sup> session of the Governing Council**
3. **Questions relating to IPU membership**
  - (a) Requests for affiliation and reaffiliation to the IPU
  - (b) Situation of certain Members
  - (c) Observer status
4. **Report of the President**
  - (a) On his activities since the 196<sup>th</sup> session of the Governing Council
  - (b) On the activities of the Executive Committee
5. **Interim report by the Secretary General on the activities of the IPU since the 196<sup>th</sup> session of the Governing Council**
  - (a) Oral report of the Secretary General
  - (b) International Day for Democracy 2015
6. **Financial situation of the IPU**
7. **Draft programme and budget for 2016**
8. **Implementation of the IPU Strategy 2012-2017**
9. **Cooperation with the United Nations System**
10. **Reports on recent IPU specialized meetings**
11. **Activities of committees and other bodies**
  - (a) Meeting 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
12. **134<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly (Lusaka, Zambia, 19-23 March 2016)**
13. **Future Inter-Parliamentary meetings**
  - (a) Statutory meetings
  - (b) Specialized meetings and other events
14. **Appointment of two internal auditors for 2016**

(cf. Rule 41 of the Governing Council)
15. **Elections to the Executive Committee**

(cf. Article 21(k) of the Statutes and Rules 37, 38 and 39 of the Rules of the Governing Council)

*The Governing Council will elect seven members: six to replace Mr. F. Drilon (Philippines), Ms. R. Kadaga (Uganda), Mr. N. Lammert (Germany), Ms. N. Motsamai (Lesotho), Ms. I. Passada (Uruguay) and Mr. M.R. Rabbani (Pakistan), whose mandates will expire at the 197<sup>th</sup> session of the Governing Council, and one to replace Mr. R. Walter (United Kingdom) who is no longer a member of parliament and whose term ends in October 2017.*

#### 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 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 October and remain,

Yours sincerely,



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of the Inter-Parliamentary Union



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President  
of the Inter-Parliamentary Union