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134th IPU Assembly

Lusaka (Zambia), 19 - 23 March 2016



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Convocation of the 198th session of the Governing Council of the IPU

Lusaka (Zambia), 20 and 23 March 2016

Madam President,
Mr. President,

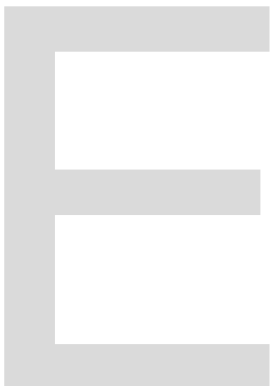
We have pleasure in informing you that the Governing Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will hold its 198th session at the Mulungushi International Conference Centre (MICC), Lusaka (Zambia).

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, 20 March from 9 to 10.45 a.m. The second sitting will be held on Wednesday, 23 March, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 to 5 p.m.



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3. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The provisional agenda for the session, prepared by the Executive Committee at its 272nd session (October 2015), is as follows:

- 1. Adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Approval of the summary records of the 197th session of the Governing Council**
- 3. Proposals for the election of the President of the 134th Assembly**
- 4. Questions relating to IPU membership**
 - (a) Requests for affiliation and reaffiliation to the IPU
 - (b) Situation of certain parliaments
 - (c) Observer status
- 5. Report of the President**
 - (a) On his activities since the 197th 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 2015**
- 7. Reports on recent IPU specialized meetings**
- 8. Implementation of the IPU Strategy 2012-2017 and preparation of the strategy to follow**
- 9. Cooperation with the United Nations System**
- 10. Financial results for 2015**
- 11. Action by the IPU to strengthen democracy and parliamentary institutions**
- 12. 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) 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
- 13. 135th IPU Assembly (Geneva, 23-27 October 2016)**
- 14. Future Inter-Parliamentary meetings**
 - (a) Statutory meetings
 - (b) Specialized meetings and other events
- 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)

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 mandate 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

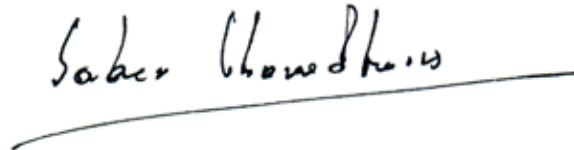
To the extent possible, working documents regarding various items of the provisional agenda will be sent out to Members and posted on the IPU website in advance.

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

Yours sincerely,



Martin CHUNGONG
Secretary General
of the Inter-Parliamentary Union



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President
of the Inter-Parliamentary Union