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# 135<sup>th</sup> IPU ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

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## Convocation of the 199<sup>th</sup> session of the Governing Council of the IPU

Geneva, 24 and 27 October 2016

Madam President,  
Mr. President,

The Governing Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will hold its 199<sup>th</sup> session at the *Centre international de Conférences de Genève (CICG)*, in Geneva.

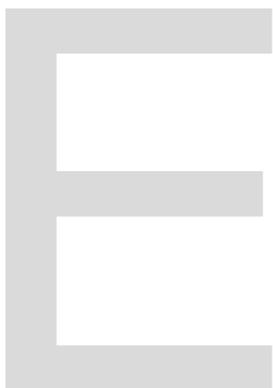
### 1. PARTICIPATION

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 Monday, 24 October, from 9 to 10.45 a.m., and will start by examining items 1 to 6. 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 Thursday, 27 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 examine all other agenda items.



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### **3 PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

The provisional agenda for the session, established by the Executive Committee at its 273<sup>rd</sup> session (March 2016), is as follows:

- 1. Adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Approval of the summary records of the 198<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 Parliaments
  - (c) Observer status
- 4. Report of the President**
  - (a) On his activities since the 198<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 198<sup>th</sup> session of the Governing Council**
  - (a) Oral report of the Secretary General
  - (b) International Day for Democracy 2016
- 6. Financial situation of the IPU**
- 7. Draft programme and budget for 2017**
- 8. IPU Strategy for 2017-2021**
- 9. Cooperation with the United Nations System**
- 10. Reports on recent IPU specialized meetings**
- 11. Activities of committees and other bodies**
  - (a) Forum 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. 136<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly (Dhaka, Bangladesh, 1-5 April 2017)**
- 13. Future Inter-Parliamentary meetings**
  - (a) Statutory meetings
  - (b) Specialized meetings and other events
- 14. Appointment of two internal auditors for 2017**

(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)

#### 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: (a) by a majority of votes cast if the request is received by the IPU Secretariat at least 15 days before the opening of the session; or (b) by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast if the request is received less than 15 days before the opening of the session.

#### 5. DOCUMENTS

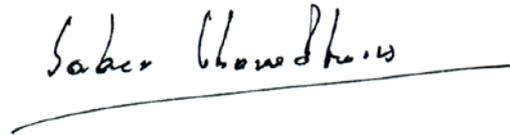
To the extent possible, working documents regarding various items of the provisional agenda will be sent out to Members and posted on the IPU website in advance.

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

Yours sincerely,



Martin CHUNGONG  
Secretary General



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President