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Convocation of the 201st session of the Governing Council of the IPU

St. Petersburg, 15 and 18 October 2017

Madam President,
Mr. President,

The Governing Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will hold its 201st session at the Tavrishesky Palace (*Dumsky Hall*), in St. Petersburg (Russian Federation).

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, 15 October, from 9 to 11 a.m., and will start by examining items 1 to 6 and, time permitting, item 7.

At its second and third sittings, to be held on Wednesday, 18 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 275th session (March 2017), is as follows:

- 1. Adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Approval of the summary records of the 200th session of the Governing Council**

The summary records of the 200th session were posted on the IPU website on 19 May 2017. Members requesting corrections to the summary records of the 200th session are asked to notify the IPU Secretariat in writing before the opening of the 201st session.
- 3. Questions relating to IPU membership**
 - (a) Requests for affiliation and reaffiliation to the IPU
The Governing Council will consider the recommendation of the Executive Committee on any requests for (re)affiliation
 - (b) Situation of certain Members
 - (c) Observer status
- 4. Report of the President**
 - (a) On his activities since the 200th 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 200th session of the Governing Council**
 - (a) Oral report of the Secretary General
 - (b) Annual reporting exercise by Members
 - (c) International Day of Democracy 2017
- 6. Financial situation of the IPU**
- 7. Draft programme and budget for 2018**
- 8. Implementation of the 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) Group of Facilitators for Cyprus
 - (e) Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law
 - (f) Gender Partnership Group
 - (g) Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU
- 12. 138th IPU Assembly (Geneva, 24-28 March 2018)**
- 13. Future Inter-Parliamentary meetings**
 - (a) Statutory meetings
 - (b) Specialized meetings and other events

14. **Appointment of two Internal Auditors for the 2018 accounts**
(cf. Rules 41 of the Governing Council)

15. **Election of the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union**
(Article 19 of the Statutes and Rules 6, 7 and 8 of the Rules of the Governing Council)
The Governing Council will elect a new President to replace Mr. Saber Chowdhury (Bangladesh), whose term of office expires at the end of the 201st session.

16. **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 two members to replace Mr. I. Liddell-Grainger (United Kingdom) and Mr. N. Schrijver (Netherlands), whose terms expire at the end of the 201st session.

17. **Other business**

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 IPU 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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Secretary General
of the Inter-Parliamentary Union



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President
of the Inter-Parliamentary Union