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**CONVOCATION
OF THE COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL QUESTIONS, INTERNATIONAL
SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT (FIRST COMMITTEE)
Marrakech, 19 and 21 March 2002**

In conformity with the decision taken by the Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union at its 169th Session, the Committee on Political Questions, International Security and Disarmament will meet during the 107th Inter-Parliamentary Conference.

1. DATES AND PLACE OF MEETINGS

The Committee will meet at the **Palais des Congrès of Marrakech**, the venue for all meetings related to the 107th Inter-Parliamentary Conference. As indicated in section 7 of the Convocation of the 107th Conference (CONF/107/C.1), the exact date and time of the First Committee's meeting may depend on the decision taken by the Conference concerning the supplementary item to be added to its agenda.

In principle, the First Committee will meet on **Tuesday, 19 March, at 9 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.** to debate Conference item 4 and on **Thursday, 21 March, at 2.30 p.m.** to adopt a draft resolution. Moreover, should the Conference include in its agenda a supplementary item within the competence of the Fourth Committee, it would be necessary for technical reasons to switch the order of meetings of the First and Fourth Committees so that the latter would meet on **Tuesday, 19 March**, to consider item 5 and on **Wednesday, 20 March**, to consider the supplementary item (Conference Rule 15.3) and the First Committee would meet on Wednesday, 20 March, to debate Conference item 4.

2. AGENDA

A detailed agenda is attached to this convocation (Annex).

3. REPRESENTATION AND VOTING RIGHTS

In conformity with Rule 2 of the Rules of the Study Committees, IPU Members are represented by a titular member and a substitute member.

Substitute members have the same speaking rights as titular members but may only vote in the latter's absence.

4. REGISTRATION OF SPEAKERS

The procedure for registering speakers for the debate will be as follows:

- (a) **Only one speaker** per delegation may be registered **prior to the start of debate**. This applies to national delegations as well as to observers. There will be no advance registration of second speakers.
- (b) To register their first speaker, delegations should use special **registration forms**. These forms will be distributed by the **Conference Registration and Information Desk as from Saturday, 16 March**. Further registration forms will be available in the Study Committee rooms.
- (c) Speakers may register personally or through another member of the speaker's delegation.
- (d) Registration forms for first speakers will be received by the Union's Secretariat in the Study Committee room. The Committee Secretary will open registration **20 minutes before** the start of the debate. The duly filled out registration forms, bearing the name of the delegation and its first speaker, should be returned at this stage to the Committee Secretary, who will register speakers on a **first-come-first-served** basis and assign each of them a **number** serving as an approximate indication of the respective delegate's position in the order of speakers. For technical reasons, it **will not be possible to publish a list of speakers**. After the meeting is opened, first speakers will still be able to register until such time as the Committee decides to close the list of speakers.

A similar procedure for registering speakers will apply for the debate on the supplementary item.

5. ORDER OF SPEAKERS

Unless the President rules otherwise, members will speak in the **order in which they register** (Committee Rule 23.1). No drawing of lots will take place. However, the President may deem it appropriate **to give priority** to first speakers from those delegations which have submitted a **draft resolution** on the item under discussion **before the registration of speakers starts**.

Second speakers will be given the floor once the list of first speakers is exhausted. Second speakers and those wishing to make a further statement can ask for the floor by raising their country plate. When calling on first speakers, the President will announce the name, delegation and registration number of the speaker to follow. Second speakers are requested to announce their name and delegation themselves.

6. SPEAKING TIME

As the Committee will have two sittings for the debate, the limited time available requires that certain restrictions be placed on speaking time.

The Union's governing bodies have decided that delegates may take the floor to make short statements, possibly several times, but that these statements should not exceed **four minutes**.

According to the provisions of Committee Rule 24, the President may review this matter and take the necessary steps to ensure the smooth running of the debates.

7. DOCUMENTS

Memoranda and **draft resolutions** submitted by Members and Associate Members will be sent to all participants in advance or.

ANNEX: Agenda

COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL QUESTIONS, INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT (FIRST COMMITTEE)

Marrakech, 19 and 21 March 2002

AGENDA

1. Approval of the Summary Records of the session held on 3, 4, 5 and 6 April 2001 in Havana

The Summary Records of the Conference were sent to the Secretariats of IPU Members on 18 July 2001.

2. The role of parliaments in developing public policy in an era of globalisation, multilateral institutions and international trade agreements

- (a) Debate
- (b) Appointment of a drafting committee (cf. Study Committees, Rule 15.1)
- (c) Consideration of the report of the drafting committee and adoption of a draft resolution
- (d) Appointment of a Rapporteur to the 107th Inter-Parliamentary Conference

3. Election of the officers of the First Committee until its next regular session (cf. Study Committees, Rules 7, 8 and 9)

- *Mr. A.H. Hanadzlah (Malaysia), elected President in 2000, is eligible for re-election;*
- *Mr. A. Ogunlewe (Nigeria), elected Vice-President in 2001, is eligible for re-election;*
- *Mrs. E. Papadimitriou (Greece), elected Vice-President in 2001, is eligible for re-election.*

The statutory election of Committee officers will take place at its sitting on Thursday, 21 March.