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CONVOCATION

COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY, JURIDICAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS

Santiago de Chile, 8 and 10 April 2003

1. In conformity with the decision taken by the Inter-Parliamentary Council at its 171st Session, the Committee on Parliamentary, Juridical and Human Rights Questions will meet during the 108th Inter-Parliamentary Conference.

Dates and place of meetings

2. The Committee will meet at **the Centro de Convenciones Diego Portales, Santiago de Chile**, the venue of the 108th Inter-Parliamentary Conference and all other related meetings. As indicated in Section 7 of the Convocation of the 108th Conference, the exact date and time of the Second Committee's meeting may depend on the decision taken by the Conference concerning the supplementary item which will be added to its agenda.

3. In principle, the Second Committee will meet on **Tuesday, 8 April at 9.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.** to debate Conference item 4 and on **Thursday, 10 April 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 Third Committee, it would be necessary for technical reasons to switch the order of meetings of the Second and Third Committees so that the latter would meet on Tuesday, 8 April to consider item 5 and on Wednesday, 9 April to consider the supplementary item (Conference Rule 15.3) and the Second Committee would meet on Wednesday, 9 April to debate Conference item 4.

Agenda

4. A detailed agenda is attached to this convocation ([Annex](#)).

Representation and voting rights

5. In conformity with Rule 2 of the Rules of the Study Committees, the Members of the Union shall be represented on each Study Committee by one member and one substitute.

6. The substitute shall have the same speaking rights as the titular member, but shall only vote in the latter's absence (cf. Rule 29.1).

Registration of speakers

7. 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. No advance registration of second speakers will take place.
- (b) To register their first speaker, delegations should use special **registration forms**. These forms will be distributed by the **Conference Registration and Information Desk starting on Saturday, 5 April**. Additional registration forms will be available in the Study Committee room.
- (c) Registration may be made personally or through another member of the speaker's delegation.
- (d) Registration forms of 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.

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

Order of speakers

9. 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 the first speakers from those delegations which have submitted a **draft resolution** on the item under discussion **before the start of the registration of speakers**.

10. **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.

Speaking time

11. As the Committee will have two sittings for the debate, the limited time available may call for certain restrictions on speaking time.

12. 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 Study Committee Rule 24, the President may review this question and take the necessary measures to ensure the smooth running of the debates.

Documents

13. **Memoranda** and **draft resolutions** submitted by Members and Associate Members will be sent to all participants in advance or distributed on the spot in Santiago de Chile. In preparing these memoranda and draft resolutions, Members and Associate Members are requested to bear in mind the fact that the outcome document of the debate in Santiago de Chile will serve as parliamentary input into the 5th International Conference of New or Restored Democracies scheduled to take place in Ulaan Baatar (Mongolia) from 18 - 20 June 2003.

14. The Secretariat is preparing a background document which will be circulated to participants in due course. Other information material will be circulated as appropriate.

Annex: Agenda

AGENDA

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1. Approval of the Summary Records of the session held on 11 and 13 September 2001 in Ouagadougou

The Summary Records of the Second Committee session were sent to all Members of the Union as part of the Summary Records of the Proceedings of the 106th IPU Conference for distribution to delegates who took part in the session.

2. Parliaments' role in strengthening democratic institutions and human development in a fragmented world

- (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 108th Inter-Parliamentary Conference

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Due to the fact that the Second Committee session in Santiago de Chile will be the last one before the reform of the IPU is adopted and subsequently comes into effect on 1 July 2003 which entails the end of Study Committees in their present form, no election of new officers of the Second Committee is envisaged at the session in Santiago de Chile.