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CONVOCATION

STANDING COMMITTEE II - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE AND TRADE Mexico City 20, 21 and 22 April 2004

1. In conformity with the decision taken by the 109th IPU Assembly, the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade will meet during the 110th IPU Assembly to debate item 5 of the Assembly agenda.

Dates and place of meetings

2. The Committee will meet at *Centro de Convenciones del Sheraton Centro Histórico de la Ciudad de México*, the venue of the 110th Assembly and all other related meetings.

3. The Committee will meet on Tuesday, 20 April from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to debate the report and the preliminary draft resolution prepared by the co-rapporteurs. If the Committee chooses to appoint a drafting committee, the latter will then meet instead of the full Committee on Wednesday, 21 April from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. to prepare a final version of the draft resolution. The Bureau of the Standing Committee will meet also on Wednesday between 5.30 and 6.30 p.m. Finally, the full Standing Committee will meet again the following day, Thursday, 22 April from 9 to 11 a.m. to take note of the report and adopt the draft resolution.

Agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Working towards an equitable environment for international commerce: the issues of trade in agricultural products and the access to basic medicines
 - (a) Debate
 - (b) Preparation and adoption of draft resolution
 - (c) Appointment of a Rapporteur to the 110th Assembly
3. Preparation of the 111th Assembly
 - (a) Proposals for subject item to be considered by the Committee
 - (b) Proposals for two co-rapporteurs

4. Election of the Bureau of the Standing Committee II
5. Any other business

Representation and voting rights

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

Organisation of the debate

6. The Union's governing bodies have decided to make a determined effort to ensure an interactive debate in the Standing Committees. The reading of prepared speeches is therefore discouraged. There will be no pre-registration of speakers. Instead, the President of the Standing Committee will recognise speakers requesting the floor once the debate has begun.

Speaking time

7. The Union's governing bodies have also decided that delegates may take the floor several times but that no statement should exceed a maximum of four minutes. According to the provisions of Standing Committee Rule 24, the President may review this question and take the necessary measures to ensure the smooth running of the debates, particularly since the President may have to restrict the speaking time in view of the number of speakers and length of the session.

Documents

8. Preparation of the report and the preliminary draft resolution on the subject item placed on the Standing Committee's agenda is the responsibility of the co-rapporteurs appointed by the 109th Assembly.
9. Arrangements and deadlines for the preparation and finalisation of the report and the draft resolution are contained in section 8 of the Convocation of the 110th Assembly (document A/110/C.1). Please note that, in accordance with Rule 17.1 of the Rules of the Assembly and Rule 12.2 of the Rules of the Standing Committees, amendments to the draft resolution shall be deposited with the Secretariat of the Assembly no later than one week before the opening of the Assembly, i.e. Sunday, 11 April 2004. Sub-amendments may be submitted up until the Standing Committee adopts the draft resolution intended for the Assembly (Assembly Rule 17.2).

Election of the Bureau

10. In conformity with Rule 7.2 of the Rules of the Standing Committees, officers of the Committee shall be elected or re-elected at the first annual session of the Assembly by an absolute majority of the votes cast.

11. All present members of the Bureau of Standing Committee II (both titular and substitute) were elected at the last sitting of the 108th Inter-Parliamentary Conference (Santiago de Chile, 11 April 2003) and are therefore eligible for re-election (cf. Rule 8.1). Taking into account the existence of vacancies in the Bureau of Standing Committee II due to the fact that certain Vice-Presidents of the Committee are no longer members of parliament, the current situation is as follows:

Post	Name	Geopolitical Group
TITULAR MEMBERS		
President	Mr. Einar Gudfinnsson (Iceland)	Twelve Plus Group
First Vice-President	Vacancy	Eurasia Group
Vice-Presidents:	Ms. Nora Schimming-Chase (Namibia)	African Group
	Mr. Fawwaz Abulghanam (Jordan)	Arab Group
	Mr. Eduardo K. Veloso (Philippines)	Asia-Pacific Group
	Mr. Luis Alberto Heber (Uruguay)	Latin American Group
SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS		
	Ms. Ingrida Udre (Latvia)	Twelve Plus Group
	Mr. Vadim Popov (Belarus)	Eurasia Group
	Mr. Tierno Aliou Baniré Diallo (Guinea)	African Group
	Mr. Mohammed Ihsan Bu-Hulaiga (Saudi Arabia)	Arab Group
	Vacancy	Asia-Pacific Group
	Mr. Darío Vivas (Venezuela)	Latin American Group

12. The statutory election of Committee officers will take place at the last sitting of the Committee on Thursday, 22 April. The posts of Vice-President shall be filled at a single election (cf. Rule 7.3).

Proposals for the subject item and the rapporteurs for the 111th Assembly

13. The Members of the Union are invited to submit to the IPU Secretariat their proposals for the subject item to be discussed by Standing Committee II at the time of the 111th Assembly.

14. As far as possible, each proposal should be accompanied by the names of two prospective co-rapporteurs who should be knowledgeable about the proposed subject and ready to assume the responsibility for drafting the corresponding report and draft resolution. When nominating the candidatures of co-rapporteurs, it would be important to keep in mind that, in order to facilitate the work of the IPU Secretariat and ensure timely distribution of the drafts to the Members of the Union, all texts should be transmitted to the Secretariat by the co-rapporteurs in either English or French as the two official written languages of the IPU.

15. From the start of the Assembly, the Bureau of Standing Committee II will be expected to carry out consultations with geopolitical Groups and the Bureaux of other Standing Committees concerning the choice of subject items for the next Assembly. At its meeting on Wednesday, 21 April, the Bureau of the Standing Committee II will consider relevant proposals taking into account the opinions of geopolitical Groups, and will decide upon a consolidated proposal, which it will then submit for approval to the full Committee at its sitting on Thursday, 22 April. Following that, the Committee's proposal for the subject item and the candidatures of rapporteurs for the next Assembly will be submitted for approval by the 110th Assembly at its last sitting on Friday, 23 April.