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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED DURING THE 118th ASSEMBLY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On 18 April 2008, the Governing Council will be required to elect **one member** to replace Ms. K. Komi (Finland), whose term of office expires at the 182nd session of the Governing Council.

Candidatures from the corresponding geopolitical group - the Twelve Plus Group - accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to Thursday, 17 April 2008 by 9 a.m.

SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians

On 17 April 2008, the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians will be required to renew the mandates of **regional representatives and their substitutes** in the Coordinating Committee; a second meeting will be held that same day to elect the **President** and the **First** and **Second Vice-Presidents** of the Coordinating Committee.

The Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians is proposing to amend the Rules of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians to extend the term of office of Committee members to four years, and renew, every two years, half of the Committee's membership. This proposal will be submitted to the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians for adoption and subsequently to the Governing Council for approval. Assuming that these amendments will be adopted, each geopolitical group will be requested to submit:

- Two candidatures: one for a titular and one for a substitute position for a four-year term of office;
- Two candidatures: one for a titular and one for a substitute position for a two-year period.

Candidatures from the geopolitical groups, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to Tuesday, 15 April at 6 p.m. to the Manager of the Gender Partnership Programme, Ms. K. Jabre.

Committee on Middle East Questions (ad hoc)

On 18 April 2008, the Governing Council will be required to elect **four substitute members** to replace:

- (i) Mr. M. Traoré (Mali), whose term of office expires at the 182nd session of the Governing Council;
- (ii) Mr. J. Carter (New Zealand) and Ms. A. Clywd (United Kingdom) who were elected titular members at the 181st session; and
- (iii) Mr. J. Wlosowicz (Poland), who is no longer a member of parliament.

Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to Thursday, 17 April 2008 by 9 a.m.

Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

At the 180th session of the Governing Council (April 2007), the Committee to Promote Respect for IHL recommended that it be composed of members elected specifically for that purpose and no longer of the members of the Bureau of the Third Standing Committee, as the Bureau and the Committee have different mandates and objectives. A proposal for a separately elected Committee to Promote Respect for IHL is now before the Executive Committee for its approval and will be submitted to the Governing Council for its endorsement at its session on 14 April 2008.

Assuming that this proposal will be adopted by the Union's governing bodies, the Governing Council will be invited to elect also on 14 April 2008 **six titular members**, one from each of the geopolitical groups active within the IPU, and **six substitute members**. The Committee will subsequently hold its first meeting with its new membership on 16 April 2008. The members of this Committee hold an *ad personam* status. Members will serve for a four-year term.

Parliamentarians interested in submitting their candidature for this position should preferably have prior experience in either international humanitarian law or refugee law.

Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to Sunday, 13 April 2008 by 1 p.m.

Standing Committee Bureaux

Second Standing Committee (Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade)

Apart from the following three vacancies, all present members of the Bureau of the Second Standing Committee (both titular and substitute) are eligible for re-election:

- (i) **Two vice-presidencies** for the African Group and Eurasia Group, respectively; and
- (ii) **One vacancy of substitute member** for the Asia-Pacific Group.

Candidatures from the corresponding geopolitical groups for the Bureau of the Second Standing Committee may be submitted up to the time of the elections which will take place on Thursday, 17 April 2008 at the last sitting of the Committee.