



QUESTIONNAIRE ON PARLIAMENTARY BODIES DEALING WITH MATERNAL, NEW-BORN AND CHILD HEALTH

In response to requests for information from parliaments, international organisations, journalists and civil society on parliamentary responses to maternal, new-born and child health (MNCH), the IPU proposes to establish an online directory of formal and informal parliamentary bodies dealing with MNCH.

The purpose of the enclosed questionnaire is to collect information about all existing parliamentary bodies which discuss the subject of MNCH, for subsequent processing and publishing in the form of a database by the IPU Secretariat in Geneva. Electronic copies of the questionnaire can be downloaded from the Union's Web site at <http://www.ipu.org/parline-e/Instanceadvanced.asp> in MS Word and PDF formats.

Please note the following points when completing the questionnaire:

- A **separate** set of answers should be provided for **each parliamentary body** (commission / committee, sub-commission / sub-committee / caucus / forum) dealing with MNCH in general or with a particular aspect of MNCH in your parliament;
- In exceptional cases, when there are no bodies dealing with MNCH issues in your parliament, a **written notification** to the IPU will suffice;
- For the sake of consistency and to ensure responses are complete, please read attentively the **annotations** provided in italics with some of the questions;
- In case of multiple-choice questions, please be sure to check only **one box** for each question.

The completed questionnaire should be returned **no later than 31 March 2013**, preferably via e-mail, or by post or fax to:

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Thank you for your cooperation!

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Country:

Name and title of the person completing the questionnaire:

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1. Name of the parliamentary body

2. To which Chamber does the body relate?

Please specify from which Chamber the parliamentary body draws its members.

Single Chamber or lower Chamber Upper Chamber Both

3. Type

If the body was established by a formal decision of Parliament, please specify whether it deals with MNCH or a particular aspect of MNCH as its exclusive subject (check "Specialised"), covers MNCH or a particular aspect thereof among other issues (check "Multifunctional") or as part of an ad-hoc arrangement (check "Ad-hoc"). Alternatively, if no formal decision has been taken by the Parliament concerning the structure and functioning of this particular body, check "Informal".

Specialised Multifunctional Ad-hoc Informal

4. Nature

Permanent Temporary Other (please specify)

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5. Date of establishment

6. Mandate

Please describe the body's area of focus with regard to MNCH, such as resourcing MNCH, implementation of interventions, advocacy on specific issues relating to MNCH (such as family planning), political support for MNCH, human resources development, commodities procurement, information and ICT for MNCH.

7. Composition

Please provide information on the number of members of the body, how they are selected (election or nomination), and for what term.

8. Working methods

Please describe briefly how items are selected for the agenda, how proceedings are organised, especially whether they are public or not and whether the body has the power to organise on-site inquiries, hearings or to summon government officials, how decisions are taken and their implementation ensured and monitored. Please specify also whether the body issues any public reports or other documents.

9. Relationship with other parliamentary bodies

Please describe briefly the way in which the parliamentary body interacts with other parliamentary bodies or with the committee of which it is a sub-committee, in particular as regards reporting and information-sharing.

10. Relationship with external bodies

Please describe briefly the body's relationship with the government, the Ombudsman, international organisations, non-governmental organisations etc.

11. Topical issues

Please provide examples of issues that have been dealt with most frequently in recent practice.

12. Presiding Officer(s)

Please provide contact information for each Presiding Officer individually. Please specify if there are additional addresses, fax numbers etc. for any given person.

Name

Expiry of term

Address 1 Address 2

Phone 1..... Phone 2

Fax 1..... Fax 2

E-mail 1..... E-mail 2

Web site 1..... Web site 2

Name

Expiry of term

Address 1 Address 2

Phone 1..... Phone 2

Fax 1..... Fax 2

E-mail 1..... E-mail 2

Web site 1..... Web site 2

13. Other Contact person(s)

Contact information about executive officers of the parliamentary body, such as secretary or clerk. Please provide contact information for each person individually. Please specify if there are additional addresses, fax numbers etc. for any given person.

Name

Title

Address 1 Address 2
Phone 1..... Phone 2
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Date on which this questionnaire was completed:

Person administering the questionnaire:

Member of parliament responding: