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INFORMATION NOTE CHANGES TO THE IPU STANDING COMMITTEES

During the current Assembly, the Governing Council is expected to make significant changes to the IPU Statutes and Rules that will have an impact on the work of the Standing Committees. This note seeks to inform Members about the major changes and how to prepare for them.

Resolutions currently in preparation

- Members may submit brief **written inputs** (no more than two pages in length) in one of the official languages of the IPU. They will be made available to the co-rapporteurs to assist them in drafting the resolutions.

Members are invited to submit written inputs by 20 November 2013.

- The co-rapporteurs will then prepare a draft resolution, which will be circulated to Members on 31 January 2014
- There will be only **one round** of amendments to the draft resolution, instead of two rounds previously. The statutory deadline for amendments is 15 days before the start of the 130th Assembly, i.e. 2 March 2014.
- Resolutions shall be normally finalised in the Standing Committees. A Standing Committee may, if necessary, set up a drafting committee.

Bureaux of the Standing Committees

- Membership of each Bureau will increase to **18 members**. All members will be "titular members" as the post of "substitute member" will no longer exist.
- Each Committee will elect a new Bureau at its **first sitting at the 130th Assembly**.
- **Geopolitical groups** will be responsible for nominating candidates for election to the Bureaux. The principal criteria for candidates are: subject matter expertise; ability to participate in the activities of the Bureau; and gender equality.

Members are invited to submit candidates for the Committee Bureaux to their geopolitical groups, with copy to the IPU Secretariat, before the start of the 130th Assembly.

Committee work plans

- The Bureaux will have greater responsibility, notably for preparing the **detailed work plan** of their respective Committee. Work plans will no longer focus solely on resolutions, but will include other activities such as **hearings, reports and missions**.
- Three of the Committees will continue to adopt one resolution per year. The Committee on United Nations Affairs is not expected to adopt resolutions on a regular basis.

Members are invited to submit proposals for the agenda of each Committee at the latest 15 days before the start of the 130th Assembly, i.e. by 2 March 2014.

COMPOSITION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES' BUREAUX, AS OF MARCH 2014

As per the decisions of the IPU governing bodies, each Standing Committee shall elect a Bureau composed of three representatives of each of the existing geopolitical groups, which shall designate to each Bureau not more than two candidatures of the same sex.

Candidates should have expertise and specialization as far as possible in the area of work of the given Standing Committee.

Every effort shall be made to include young parliamentarians and encourage candidatures from new Members of the Union as well as Members that do not hold other offices in the Union.

Elected members of the Bureau shall be supported by their respective parliament in carrying out their function as members of the Bureau. Every effort shall be made to ensure their participation in IPU Assemblies for the duration of their mandate as members of the Bureau.

Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

African Group

- Mr. G. SCHNEEMAN, South Africa (April 2016)
- Mr. A. BOUGUE, Cameroon (April 2015)
- One vacancy

Arab Group

- Ms. S. HAJ HASSAN, Jordan (April 2017)
- Two vacancies

Asia-Pacific Group

- Mr. S. DANUSUBROTO, Indonesia (April 2015)
- Two vacancies

Eurasia Group

- Three vacancies

Group of Latin America and the Caribbean

- Mr. D. FILMUS, Argentina (April 2015)
- Mr. L.E. SIERRA GRAJALES, Colombia (April 2016)
- One vacancy

Twelve-Plus Group

- Three vacancies

Standing Committee on Sustainable development, Finance and Trade

African Group

- Mr. H.R. MOHAMED, United Rep. of Tanzania (April 2015)
- Two vacancies

Arab Group

- Mr. N. NAJADAH, Kuwait (April 2017)
- Mr. M. DMOUR, Jordan (April 2015)
- One vacancy

Asia-Pacific Group

- Mr. I.A. BILOUR, Pakistan (April 2015)
- Two vacancies

Eurasia Group

- Mr. B.-Z. ZHAMBALNIMBUYEV, Russian Federation (April 2015)
- Two vacancies

Group of Latin America and the Caribbean

- Mr. R. LEÓN, Chile (April 2015)
- Mr. F. BUSTAMANTE, Ecuador (April 2015)
- One vacancy

Twelve-Plus Group

- Mr. F.-X. de DONNEA, Belgium (April 2015)
- Ms. M. OBRADOVIČ, Serbia (April 2017)
- One vacancy

Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights

African Group

- Three vacancies

Arab Group

- Ms. J. NASSIF, Bahrain (April 2015)
- Mr. R. ABDUL-JABBAR, Iraq (April 2015)
- One vacancy

Asia-Pacific Group

- Ms. F.Z. NADIRI, Afghanistan (April 2017)
- Mr. R. FATYANA, Pakistan (April 2015)
- One vacancy

Eurasia Group

- Three vacancies

Group of Latin America and the Caribbean

- Mr. J.M. GALÁN, Colombia (April 2015)
- Ms. G. ORTIZ, Mexico (April 2017)
- One vacancy

Twelve-Plus Group

- Mr. C. JANIAK, Switzerland (April 2017)
- Ms. L. WALL, New Zealand (April 2017)
- One vacancy

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

A new Bureau will be established, composed of 18 members and in observance of gender equality.

Interested members of the current Advisory Group who meet Bureau requirements (relevant expertise and support from their parliaments to carry out operational activities) may submit their candidatures.

The following vacancies will need to be filled:

- African Group: three seats
- Arab Group: three seats
- Asia-Pacific Group: three seats
- Eurasia Group: three seats
- Group of Latin America and the Caribbean: three seats
- Twelve-Plus Group: three seats