Vacancies to be filled during the 131st Assembly

President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

On 16 October 2014, the Governing Council will be required to elect a new President to replace Mr. A. Radi (Morocco), whose term of office expires at the end of the 195th session of the Governing Council (cf. Article 19 of the Statutes and Rules 6, 7 and 8 of the Rules of the Governing Council).

Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae, may be submitted up to 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 15 October 2014.

To date the following candidatures have been received:
- Mr. S.H. Chowdhury (Bangladesh);
- Mrs. N. Ali Assegaf (Indonesia);
- Mrs. B. Bishop (Australia);
- Mr. A. Shahid (Maldives).

Executive Committee

On 16 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect three members, as follows:

- **African Group** : One vacancy to replace Ms. S. Moulenguï-Mouélé (Gabon) whose Executive Committee term ends at the 195th session of the Governing Council;
- **Asia-Pacific Group** : One vacancy to replace Mr. P. Tanbanjong (Thailand) who is no longer a member of parliament;
- **Twelve Plus Group** : One vacancy to replace Ms. S. Ataullahjan (Canada) whose Executive Committee term ends at the 195th session of the Governing Council.

Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 15 October 2014.

To date the following candidatures have been received:
- Mr. K. Jalali (Islamic Republic of Iran); and
- Mr. M. Uesugi (Japan).
COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians

The 20th Meeting of Women Parliamentarians will be called upon to replace those titular and substitute regional representatives who have lost their parliamentary seat.

Posts to be filled:

- One substitute regional representative for the African Group (end of term March 2018);
- One titular regional representative for the Asia-Pacific Group (end of term March 2018); and
- One substitute regional representative for the Twelve Plus Group (end of term March 2016).

The Meeting of Women Parliamentarians will hold elections to the Coordinating Committee on Sunday, 12 October 2014.

Geopolitical groups are requested to submit candidatures in writing by Friday, 10 October, 12 noon, to the Manager of the Gender Partnership Programme, Ms. K. Jabre. Candidatures should be accompanied by a signed cover letter from the geopolitical group and a brief curriculum vitae (3 paragraphs maximum) in English and French, for distribution to participants.

Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

On 16 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect one titular member to replace Mr. U. Nilsson (Sweden), who will no longer be a member of parliament at the time of the election.

Candidatures from the Twelve Plus Group, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 15 October 2014.

Committee on Middle East Questions

On 16 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect:

- One male titular member to replace Mr. T. Henare (New Zealand), who will no longer be a member of parliament at the time of the election; and
- Two substitute members to replace Mr. D. Papadimoulis (Greece) and Ms. H. Amran, who are no longer members of parliament.

Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 15 October 2014.

Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

On 16 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect:

- Two members (one man and one woman) from the Asia-Pacific Group;
- One member (male) from the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC);
- One member (male) from the Twelve Plus Group, to replace the former members who are no longer MPs; and
- One member (male) from the Eurasia Group for the vacancy that was not filled at the 194th session of the Governing Council.

Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 15 October 2014.

Group of Facilitators for Cyprus

On 16 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect one Facilitator to replace Mr. J. Lobkowicz (Czech Republic) whose term of office expires at the 195th session of the Governing Council.

Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 15 October 2014.
The Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU

At its meeting on Monday, 13 October 2014, the Forum will be electing its Board.

According to Rule 5 of the Forum’s Rules and Working Modalities, the Board shall be composed of two representatives from each of the IPU geopolitical groups, a man and a woman.

Geopolitical groups are invited to submit candidatures before 3 p.m. on Sunday, 12 October 2014.

STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

There are two vacancies to be filled by the following Groups:

- **African Group**: One vacancy to be filled by a man or a woman
- **Asia-Pacific Group**: One vacancy to be filled by a man or a woman

Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade

There are four vacancies to be filled by the following Groups:

- **Asia-Pacific Group**: One vacancy to be filled by a man or a woman
- **Eurasia Group**: Two vacancies, of which at least one must be filled by a woman
- **Twelve Plus Group**: One vacancy to be filled by a man or a woman

Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights

There is one vacancy to be filled by the **Eurasia Group** by a man.

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

There are five vacancies to be filled by the following Groups:

- **African Group**: One vacancy to be filled by a man or a woman
- **Asia-Pacific Group**: Two vacancies, of which at least one must be filled by a woman
- **Eurasia Group**: Two vacancies, of which at least one must be filled by a woman

Candidatures from the respective geopolitical groups, which should be accompanied by a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum) highlighting the candidate’s experience in the respective field, may be submitted up to the time of the elections, which will take place on Wednesday, 15 October 2014, at the last sitting of each of the Committees.

APPOINTMENT OF TWO INTERNAL AUDITORS FOR THE 2015 ACCOUNTS

On 16 October, the Governing Council will appoint two Internal Auditors for the 2015 fiscal year. They will be expected to present their report to the Governing Council at the first statutory session of the IPU in 2016. Parliamentarians interested in submitting their candidature for this position should preferably have prior experience either in a parliamentary finance or audit committee.

Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, 15 October 2014.

To date the following candidature has been received:

- Mr. D. Pacheco (Portugal).