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Vacancies to be filled during the 136th Assembly

Executive Committee

On 5 April, the Governing Council will elect **one member**, as follows:

Arab Group : One vacancy to replace Mr. A. Jasem Ahmed (United Arab Emirates) whose Executive Committee term ends at the 200th 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 Tuesday, 4 April 2017, to the Control and Submission of Documents Service.

To date the following candidature has been received:

- Mr. A.A. Aal (Egypt), submitted by the House of Representatives of Egypt.

COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

On 5 April, the Governing Council will elect **two female members** to replace Ms. A. Clwyd (United Kingdom) and Ms. M. Kiener Nellen (Switzerland) whose terms of office end at the 200th session of the Governing Council.

In light of the Committee's rule on the promotion of gender equality and of its current composition, only female parliamentarians may submit their candidatures for these two vacancies.

Taking into consideration the specific criteria for membership of this Committee, candidates are requested to complete the form available on the IPU website (<http://www.ipu.org/hr-e/miscel/form-chnp.pdf>), which aims to collect information on how candidates meet these criteria. Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter, a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum) and the completed form, may be submitted up to 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 4 April 2017.

Committee on Middle East Questions

On 5 April, the Governing Council will elect **three female members to the Committee**, following the adoption of the amendments to the Rules of the Committee by the Governing Council at its 199th session.

According to the amended Rules, the Committee will be comprised of a total of 14 members, of which two are ex officio (Israel and Palestine). Rule 2.2 states that “*No more than seven of the members shall be of the same sex and as many of the geopolitical groups as possible shall be represented on the 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 Tuesday, 4 April 2017.

To date the following candidature has been received:

- Senator S. Atallahjan (Canada), submitted by the delegation of Canada to the Twelve Plus Group.

Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

On 5 April, the Governing Council will elect **two members**, as follows:

- Arab Group** : One vacancy to be filled by a man for the vacancy that was not filled at the 199th session of the Governing Council;
- Eurasia Group** : One vacancy to be filled by a woman to replace Ms. V. Petrenko (Russian Federation) whose term of office ends at the 200th 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 Tuesday, 4 April 2017.

Bureau of Women Parliamentarians

On 1 April, the Forum of Women Parliamentarians will elect **three regional representatives to the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians**, as follows:

- African Group** : one regional representative
- Asia-Pacific Group** : one regional representative
- Eurasia Group** : one regional representative

The geopolitical groups concerned are encouraged to submit candidatures by 1 p.m. on Saturday, 1st April 2017.

Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU

On 2 April, the Forum will elect 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 by 6 p.m. on Saturday, 1st April 2017.

STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

On 4 April, the Standing Committees will hold the following elections.

Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade

- Twelve Plus Group** : one vacancy to be filled by a man or a woman.

Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights

- African Group** : one vacancy to be filled by a man or a woman.
- Twelve Plus Group** : one vacancy to be filled by a man or a woman.

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

Eurasia Group : One vacancy to be filled by a man or a woman

**Group of Latin
America and the**

Caribbean (GRULAC) : One vacancy to be filled by a man or a woman

Due to the specificities of this Bureau's work, it is recommended that candidates have a working knowledge of one of the two official IPU languages, English or French, and are able to travel for activities in the field and at UN Headquarters in New York.

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Candidatures from the respective geopolitical groups, which may be submitted up until the time of the elections, should be accompanied by a brief curriculum vitae (maximum one page), specifying Committee membership in parliament and familiarity with the issues covered by the Committee, as well as the candidate's full contact details. The CV should also be accompanied by a commitment from the candidate's parliament that s/he will be supported in their work and included in future delegations to Assemblies.