



Inter-Parliamentary Union
For democracy. For everyone.

137th IPU Assembly

St. Petersburg, Russian Federation
14–18 October 2017



Assembly

A/137/Inf.1.rev.1
4 October 2017

Vacancies to be filled during the 137th Assembly

President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

On 18 October, the Governing Council will elect a new President to replace Mr. S. Chowdhury (Bangladesh), whose term of office expires at the end of the 201st 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 a.m. on Tuesday, 17 October 2017.

To date the following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. G. Cuevas Barron (Mexico):
https://beta.ipu.org/sites/default/files/documents/cuevas_15-p.1-e.pdf;
- Ms. I. Passada (Uruguay):
https://beta.ipu.org/sites/default/files/documents/passada_15-p.2-e.pdf.

Executive Committee

On 18 October, the Governing Council will elect **four members**, as follows:

- African Group** : One vacancy, to be filled by a man, to replace Mr. E. Ethuro (Kenya)* who is no longer a Member of Parliament.
- Twelve Plus Group** : Three vacancies, to be filled by two women and one man, to replace Mr. I. Liddell-Grainger (United Kingdom); and Mr. N. Schrijver (Netherlands) whose Executive Committee terms end at the 201st session of the Governing Council; as well as Ms. G. Eldegard (Norway)* who, as of 1 October, is no longer a Member of Parliament.

* In accordance with Article 25.6, if a member of the Executive Committee ceases to be a parliamentarian, the IPU Member concerned shall appoint a substitute to serve until the next session of the Governing Council, when an election shall be held. If the newly elected member is from a different parliament than the outgoing member, s/he will serve a full term. Otherwise, the new member shall complete the term of office of his/her predecessor.

Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 17 October 2017.

#IPU137

COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

On 18 October, the Governing Council will elect **four members, ideally two male and two female members**, to replace Mr. B. Mbuku-Laka (Democratic Republic of the Congo), whose term of office ends at the 201st session of the Governing Council, Mr. A.A. Gueye (Senegal), who is no longer a Member of Parliament, and Mr. B. Fabritius (Germany) and Ms. B. Jónsdóttir (Iceland), whose parliamentary mandates will end soon after the 137th IPU Assembly.

According to its current rules, the Committee as a whole (ten members) should be gender-balanced. The membership of the Committee without the outgoing members includes three men and three women.

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>). Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter, a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum) and the completed form, may be submitted up to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 17 October 2017.

Committee on Middle East Questions

On 18 October, the Governing Council will elect **one male and two female members to the Committee** to replace Mr. G. Farina (Italy) whose term of office ends at the 201st session of the Governing Council, Ms. C. Guittet (France) who is no longer a Member of Parliament, and Ms. C. Vienne (Belgium) who has resigned from the Committee.

According to the Rules, the Committee shall comprise a total of 14 members, of whom 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." The membership of the Committee without the outgoing members includes 6 men and 5 women.

Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 17 October 2017.

Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

On 18 October, the Governing Council will elect **four members**, as follows:

- African Group** : One vacancy to be filled by a woman to replace Ms. Y. Meftali (Algeria) who is no longer a Member of Parliament;
- Eurasia Group** : One vacancy to be filled by a woman to replace Ms. V. Petrenko (Russian Federation) whose term of office ended at the 200th session of the Governing Council;
- Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC)** : One vacancy to be filled by a man to replace Mr. L. Duque García (Colombia) in accordance with Rule 2.4 of the Rules of the Committee*;
- Twelve Plus Group** : One vacancy to be filled by a man to replace Mr. P. Mahoux (Belgium) 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 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 17 October 2017.

Bureau of Women Parliamentarians

On 14 October, the Forum of Women Parliamentarians will elect **two regional representatives** to the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians for the remainder of the term, as follows:

- Eurasia Group** : One regional representative to replace Ms. E. Shamal (Belarus) who is no longer a Member of Parliament (end of term: March 2018);
- Twelve Plus Group** : One regional representative to replace Ms. M. André (France) who is no longer a Member of Parliament (end of term: March 2018).

* Rule 2.4 : If a member of the Committee fails to attend more than two consecutive sessions, he or she shall be replaced through an election by the Governing Council.

Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians

Eurasia Group : One vacancy to be filled by a man (end of term March 2019)

The Eurasia Group is encouraged to submit a candidature, preferably from among the youngest members of parliament, by 3 p.m. on Saturday, 14 October 2017.

STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

At its sitting on 17 October, the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security will elect two members:

- Asia-Pacific Group** : one vacancy to be filled by a man or a woman to replace Mr. R. Kumar Singh (India) who has been appointed as a Minister.*
- Twelve Plus Group** : one vacancy to be filled by a woman to replace Ms. J. Durrieu (France) whose parliamentary mandate will end on 1 October 2017.

* The Parliament of India has indicated its wish to replace its bureau member with another sitting MP for the remainder of the term, (March 2019).

On 16 October, the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade will elect two members:

- African 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 woman.

At its sitting on 15 October, the Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs will elect one member:

- African Group** : one vacancy to be filled by 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.

* * * * *

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 IPU Assemblies.

APPOINTMENT OF TWO INTERNAL AUDITORS FOR THE 2018 ACCOUNTS

On 18 October, the Governing Council will appoint **two Internal Auditors** for the 2018 accounts.

- Ms. G. Cuevas Barron (Mexico) has resigned as an Internal Auditor for the 2017 accounts, citing her candidature to the post of IPU President. Mr. K. Örnfjäder (Sweden) will, therefore, be the only Internal Auditor for 2017.

The Internal Auditor for the 2017 accounts will present his report to the Governing Council at the first statutory session of the IPU in 2018. The 2018 Auditors will present their report in March 2019. 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 a.m. on Tuesday, 17 October 2017.