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6 June 2005

**CONVOCAATION**  
**177th SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE**  
**INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION**  
**Geneva, 18 and 19 October 2005**

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Dear Madam,  
Dear Sir,

We have pleasure in informing you that the Governing Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will hold its 177th session at the Centre international de Conférences de Genève (*CICG*), in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Governing Council will hold a first sitting from 2.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 18 October. It will hold its second sitting from 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 19 October. The election for the presidency of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will take place at the Wednesday meeting.

**1. PARTICIPATION**

The Governing Council is composed of three members from each parliament represented in the IPU\*. The Members are asked to confirm the names of their representatives to the Governing Council by 17 October 2005 at the latest, so that the Secretariat can update the list of Council members.

In accordance with Governing Council Rule 2, "a member of the Governing Council who is unable to attend may be replaced by another representative of the Union Member in question duly authorized for that purpose". The IPU Secretariat should be notified accordingly.

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\* Single gender delegations will be limited to two members (Rule 1.2 of the Rules of the Governing Council).

## 2. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The provisional agenda for the session prepared by the Executive Committee at its 244th (April 2005) session is as follows:

1. **Adoption of the agenda**  
*The Governing Council will adopt its agenda at the beginning of its proceedings.*
2. **Approval of the summary records of the 176th session of the Governing Council**  
*Members requesting corrections to the summary records of the 176th session (CL/176/SR.1) are requested to notify the Union's Secretariat in writing before the opening of the 177th session.*
3. **Questions relating to IPU membership**
  - (a) Requests for affiliation and reaffiliation to the Union
  - (b) Situation of certain Members*The Governing Council will decide on any requests for affiliation and reaffiliation and review the situation of certain Members on the basis of the report of the Executive Committee.*
4. **Report of the President**
  - (a) On his activities since the 176th session of the Council
  - (b) On the activities of the Executive Committee*The Governing Council will have before it the President's report on his activities and will hear an oral report on the activities of the Executive Committee.*
5. **Interim Report by the Secretary General on the activities of the Union since the 176th session of the Council**  
*The Governing Council will have before it the interim report of the Secretary General on the activities of the Union since the 176th session of the Council. It will also receive a consolidated report on the activities carried out by IPU Members in 2004.*
6. **Financial situation of the Union**  
*The Governing Council will be apprised of the financial situation of the Union.*
7. **Draft programme and budget for 2006**  
*The Governing Council will be asked to approve the proposals of the Executive Committee for the Union's programme and budget for the year 2006.*
8. **Cooperation with the United Nations**  
*Under this item, the Governing Council will also receive a report on the Second World Conference of Speakers of Parliaments*
9. **Reform of the Inter-Parliamentary Union**
10. **Reports on recent IPU specialised conferences and meetings**

**11. Activities of committees and other bodies**

*The Governing Council will examine the reports of the following bodies and committees and will hold elections to fill any vacant seats:*

- (a) Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians
- (b) Coordinating Committee of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians
- (c) Gender Partnership Group
- (d) Group of Facilitators for Cyprus (*election only*)

**12. 114th IPU Assembly**

(Nairobi, Kenya, 7-12 May 2006)

**13. Future Inter-Parliamentary meetings**

- (a) Statutory meetings
- (b) Specialised meetings and other events

*The Governing Council will review the list of meetings included in the Union's programme and consider any proposals for future events.*

**14. Appointment of two Auditors for the 2005 accounts**

(Cf. Rule 41 of the Rules of the Governing Council)

*The Governing Council will appoint two Auditors for a one-year term.*

**15. Amendments to the Statutes and Rules**

*The Governing Council is invited to give its formal approval to an amendment to the Financial Regulations concerning payment of Members' arrears.*

**16. Elections to the Executive Committee**

(Cf. Article 23 of the Statutes and Rules 37, 38 and 39 of the Rules of the Governing Council)

*The Governing Council will be required to elect three members to replace Mr. R. Salles (France) and Mr. I. Ostash (Ukraine) whose terms of office expire at the time of the 177th session of the Governing Council, and one member to replace Mr. S. Vejajiva (Thailand) who is no longer a member of parliament.*

**17. Election of the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union**

(Article 19 of the Statutes and Rules 6, 7 and 8 of the Rules of the Governing Council)

*The Governing Council will elect a new President to replace Mr. Sergio Páez (Chile), whose term of office expires at the time of the 177th session of the Governing Council.*

***This election will take place at the Governing Council sitting of 19 October.***

**3. SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS**

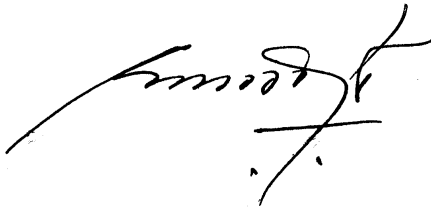
In conformity with Governing Council Rule 13, members of the Council may request the inclusion of supplementary items in the agenda. Such items must fall within the competence of the Council which, according to Article 20.1 of the Statutes, determines and guides the activities of the Union and controls their implementation.

Any requests for the inclusion of supplementary items will be immediately transmitted by the Secretariat to all Council members. After hearing the opinion of the Executive Committee, the Council shall decide on such a request by a majority of votes cast if the request is received by the Secretariat at least 15 days before the opening of the session; otherwise by a two-thirds majority.

#### 4. DOCUMENTS

To the extent possible, working documents regarding various items of the provisional agenda will be sent out to members in advance.

Yours sincerely,



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of the Inter-Parliamentary Union



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