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**CONVOCATION
187th SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE
INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION
Geneva, 4 and 6 October 2010**

Dear Madam,
Dear Sir,

We have pleasure in informing you that the Governing Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will hold its 187th session at the *Centre international de Conférences de Genève (CICG)*, in Geneva.

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 5 October 2010 at the latest.

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.

2. DOCUMENTS

To the extent possible, working documents regarding various items of the provisional agenda will be sent out to members in advance **and posted on the IPU website**.

* Each parliament's representation on the Governing Council must include both men and women. Single gender delegations will be limited to two members (Rule 1.2 of the Rules of the Governing Council).

3. PROCEEDINGS OF THE SESSION

First sitting: Monday, 4 October, 9 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

The first sitting will start by examining items 1 to 6. It will then receive a presentation of the *Draft Programme and Budget for 2011* (item 7). Time permitting, the Governing Council will also cover item 10: *Report on the 3rd World Conference of Speakers of Parliament* and item 11: *Reports on Recent IPU specialized meetings*.

The greater part of the first sitting will be given over to the presentation of the *draft Programme and Budget for 2011*. Each geopolitical group will be invited to select a spokesperson on the budget who will report their group's comments and views when the budget is opened for discussion on Wednesday, 6 October.

Second and third sittings: Wednesday, 6 October, 9 to 11.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

At its second sitting, the Governing Council will debate and adopt the *draft programme and budget for 2011* (item 7). The greater part of this sitting will be devoted to a debate on the *Consolidation of the Reform of the Inter-Parliamentary Union* (item 9). Time permitting, the Governing Council will also examine item 8, *Cooperation with the United Nations System*.

At its third sitting, the Governing Council will examine all remaining items on its agenda.

4. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The provisional agenda for the session prepared by the Executive Committee at its 257th session (March 2010) 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 186th session of the Governing Council

Members requesting corrections to the summary records of the 186th session (CL/186/SR.1) are asked to notify the Union's Secretariat in writing before the opening of the 187th session.

3. Questions relating to IPU membership

- (a) Requests for affiliation and reaffiliation to the IPU
- (b) Situation of certain Members
- (c) Observer status

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 186th session of the Governing Council
- (b) On the activities of the Executive Committee

5. **Interim Report by the Secretary General on the activities of the Union since the 186th session of the Governing Council**
6. **Financial situation of the IPU**
7. **Draft programme and budget for 2011**
8. **Cooperation with the United Nations System**
9. **Consolidation of the reform of the Inter-Parliamentary Union**
10. **Report on the 3rd World Conference of Speakers of Parliament**
11. **Reports on recent IPU specialized meetings**
12. **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) Coordinating Committee of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians
 - (b) Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians
 - (c) Committee on Middle East Questions
 - (d) Gender Partnership Group
 - (e) Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS
13. **124th IPU Assembly**
The 124th IPU Assembly will take place in Panama City (Panama) from 15 to 20 April 2011.
14. **Future Inter-Parliamentary meetings**
 - (a) Statutory meetings
 - (b) Specialized meetings and other events
15. **Appointment of two Auditors for the 2011 accounts**
(cf. Rule 41 of the Rules of the Governing Council)
16. **Amendments to the Statutes and Rules**
The Governing Council will be invited to approve amendments to Rules 8 and 9 of the Rules of the Standing Committees and Rule 3 of the Rules of the Secretariat.
17. **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 elect two members to replace Ms. J. Fotso (Cameroon) and Mr. G. Versnick (Belgium), whose terms will expire at the time of the 187th session of the Governing Council.

5. 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.

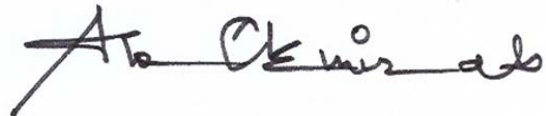
Any requests for the inclusion of supplementary items will be immediately transmitted by the Secretariat to all Council members. After hearing the opinion of the Executive Committee, the Council shall decide on such a request by a majority of votes cast if the request is received by the Secretariat at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

We look forward to fruitful discussions in the Governing Council next October and remain,

Yours sincerely,



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