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AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE MEETING OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS AND OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS

The following amendments are proposed to reflect the recent changes to the IPU Statutes and Rules whereby the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians will now be meeting on the occasion of both annual sessions of the Assembly. The amendments are submitted for adoption to the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians and subsequently for approval of the Governing Council.

Once these amendments have been approved, the IPU Secretariat will proceed with the necessary editorial clean-up of the text so as to align it with the terminology used throughout the IPU Statutes and Rules.

A. Amendments to the Rules of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians

Rule 1

Amend the existing Rule as follows:

The Meeting of Women Parliamentarians shall be held ~~each year~~ on the occasion of ~~the first round of Statutory Meetings of the Inter-Parliamentary Union~~ **both annual sessions of the Assembly** and shall report on its work to the Governing Council.

Rule 6.1

Amend the existing Rule as follows:

1. The Meeting of Women Parliamentarians shall meet ~~each year~~ on the occasion of ~~the first annual session~~ **both annual sessions** of the Assembly. ~~Its Coordinating Committee shall meet on the occasion of both annual sessions, in a place and on dates decided by the governing bodies of the Union (cf. Statutes, Arts. 9, 17 and 21 (b)).~~

Rule 6.2

Amend the existing Rule as follows:

2. The Meeting of Women Parliamentarians shall take place ~~each year~~ on the day before the opening of the work of the ~~first~~ Assembly. If necessary, an additional sitting may be organised ~~during that Statutory Meeting~~, particularly for the election of the new regional representatives to the Coordinating Committee.

Rule 7

Amend the existing Rule as follows:

The Meeting shall elect its President among the women members of the host Parliament. If the host Parliament does not comprise a woman member, the President of the Coordinating Committee shall chair the Meeting; in her absence, the First Vice-President or the Second Vice-President of the Committee shall chair the Meeting. **The same will apply for IPU Assemblies held in Geneva.**

Rule 8

Amend the existing Rule as follows:

The Meeting of Women Parliamentarians shall be opened by the President of the Coordinating Committee who shall conduct, **where appropriate**, the election of the President of the Meeting. In the absence of the President of the Coordinating Committee, the Meeting shall be opened by the First Vice-President or the Second Vice-President of the Committee.

Rule 30.1

Amend the existing Rule as follows:

1. The Coordinating Committee shall meet **on the occasion of** ~~during Statutory Meetings of the Inter-Parliamentary Union~~ **both annual sessions of the Assembly.**

Rule 30.2

Amend the existing Rule as follows:

2. ~~At the first annual Assembly, it~~ **It** shall hold a first sitting before the opening of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians and a second sitting during the days following the Meeting; if necessary, a further sitting may be organised during the ~~Statutory Inter-Parliamentary Meetings~~ **Assembly.**

B. Amendments to the Rules of the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians

Rule 3.1

Amend the existing Rule as follows:

1. The Coordinating Committee shall meet on the occasion of ~~the two~~ **both** annual sessions of the Assembly

Rule 3.2

Amend the existing Rule as follows:

2. ~~At the first annual session of the Assembly, it~~ **It** shall hold a first sitting before the opening of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians and a second sitting during the days following the Meeting; if necessary, a further sitting may be organised during ~~that the~~ **the** Assembly.

Rule 13.1

Amend the existing Rule as follows:

1. At each ~~annual~~ Assembly, the Coordinating Committee shall appoint one of its members to report to the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians on the work carried out since the previous Meeting. The Coordinating Committee shall make that appointment at the start of its second sitting.