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Meeting of Women Parliamentarians
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Gender activities at the Inter-Parliamentary Union

Elections to the Coordinating Committee

INFORMATION NOTE

The 15th Meeting of Women Parliamentarians will be called upon to renew half of the membership of its Coordinating Committee, to replace those titular and substitute regional representatives whose term expires in April 2010 as well as those members who have lost their parliamentary seats.

Posts to be filled include:

- One titular and one substitute regional representative per geopolitical group, for a four-year term;
- One substitute regional representative for GRULAC to fill the seat left vacant (end of term: 2012).

Rule 31.1(c) of the Rules of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians provides that the Coordinating Committee is composed of two representatives and two substitute representatives from each of the IPU geopolitical Groups, elected for a four-year term of office.

Rule 31.2 provides that the regional representatives and their substitutes shall be elected by the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians on the proposal of women parliamentarians from the respective geopolitical Groups which must present as many candidates as there are seats to be filled. Elections to the Coordinating Committee will be held every two years, to renew half of the Committee's membership whose four year term has come to an end. One titular and one substitute representative for each geopolitical group will therefore be renewed every two years.

Women MPs who are ending their term as titular members of the Coordinating Committee are ineligible for re-election as titular regional representatives. Similarly, women MPs who are ending their term as substitute regional representatives are also ineligible for re-election as substitute regional representatives; they are, however, eligible for the position of titular representatives.

The geopolitical groups should submit candidatures in writing. Individual IPU Members wishing to submit candidatures should submit them only to their geopolitical group. Each candidature should be accompanied by a brief curriculum vitae (3 paragraphs maximum) of the candidate in English and/or French only, for distribution to participants. Geopolitical groups are requested to submit candidatures in writing by Monday, 29 March by 6 p.m. at the latest.

Schedule

In accordance with the provisions of the Rules of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians, the elections will be held during two special sittings of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians will take place on Wednesday, 31 March:

- The first special sitting (2 to 3 p.m.) will elect the titular and substitute regional representatives. Immediately following this election, the newly constituted Coordinating Committee will meet *in camera* to nominate candidates for the offices of President and First and Second Vice-Presidents of the Committee.
- The second special sitting (4 to 4.30 p.m.) will approve these candidatures.

Election of the President and the First and Second Vice-Presidents of the Coordinating Committee: Rules and procedure

Rule 32 of the Rules of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians stipulates that "*after each renewal of the regional representatives, every two years, the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians shall, on the proposal of the Coordinating Committee, elect the President, First Vice-President and Second Vice-President of the Coordinating Committee from among parliamentarians of different regions*". This election will take place *in camera* on 31 March in a special sitting of the Coordinating Committee (3-4 p.m.)

VACANCIES TO BE FILLED DURING THE 122nd ASSEMBLY

Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians

**REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES WHOSE TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRES IN APRIL 2010
(Posts marked *Vacant* will also be filled)**

Group of African countries:

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| Titular: | Substitute: | |
| Ms. L. S. Changwe (Zambia) | <i>Vacant</i> | April 2010 |

Group of Arab countries:

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| Titular: | Substitute: | |
| <i>Vacant</i> | Ms. S. Greiss (Egypt) | April 2010 |

Group of Asia and Pacific countries:

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| Titular: | Substitute: | |
| Ms. P. Cayetano (Philippines) | Ms. P. Kaur (India) | April 2010 |

Eurasia Group:

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| Titular: | Substitute: | |
| Ms. B. Baimagambetova (Kazakhstan) | <i>Vacant</i> | April 2010 |

Group of Latin American countries:

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| Titular: | Substitute: | |
| Ms. M. Xavier (Uruguay) | <i>Vacant</i> | April 2010 |

Twelve Plus Group:

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| Titular: | Substitute: | |
| Ms. A. Clywd (United Kingdom) | <i>Vacant</i> | April 2010 |

ADDITIONAL POST TO BE FILLED (until the expiry of the term of office in 2012)

Group of Latin American countries:

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| Substitute: | | |
| <i>Vacant</i> | | April 2012 |