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### ELECTION OF THE BUREAUX OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

On the occasion of the 124<sup>th</sup> Assembly to be held in Panama from 15 to 20 April 2011, and in accordance with Rules 7, 8 and 9 of the Rules of the Standing Committees, elections will take place for the members of the Bureaux of the three Standing Committees.

Members are reminded that each of the six geopolitical groups shall be represented by one titular member and one substitute member on each Bureau. After four years in office, members of the Bureaux are no longer eligible for re-election to the same post. Please see also the document on "Vacancies to be filled during the 124<sup>th</sup> Assembly" in this connection.

Members are asked to bear in mind that it is important for members of the Bureaux to be knowledgeable about the issues falling within the competence of the respective Standing Committees. It would also be helpful if their respective parliaments could commit themselves to ensuring that these members attend all Bureau sessions during the course of their mandate.

Since the new system was introduced in 2003, the membership has made a deliberate effort to ensure an equitable distribution of the senior posts of President and First Vice-President of the Bureaux among the six geopolitical groups.

Members are reminded that the elections are carried out by each Standing Committee which meets on separate occasions, starting with the First Committee in the afternoon of 18 April. The geopolitical groups are therefore encouraged to consult with each other ahead of the elections and to seek agreement before midday on 18 April.

In order to facilitate negotiations among the geopolitical groups, please find hereafter the distribution of the posts of president and first vice-president since the Bureaux were first elected in 2003:

<b>First Standing Committee</b>	<b>Second Standing Committee</b>	<b>Third Standing Committee</b>
President: GRULAC First Vice-President: Arab Group (April 2003-April 2005)	President: 12 Plus Group First Vice-President: Eurasia Group (April 2003-April 2005)	President: African Group First Vice-President: Asia-Pacific Group (April 2003-April 2005)
President: Arab Group First Vice-President: GRULAC (April 2005-April 2007)	President: Eurasia Group First Vice-President: 12 Plus Group (April 2005-April 2007)	President: Asia-Pacific Group First Vice-President: African Group (April 2005-April 2007)
President: African Group First Vice-President: Asia-Pacific Group (April 2007-April 2011)	President: 12 Plus Group First Vice-President: Arab Group (April 2007-April 2011)	President: GRULAC First Vice-President: Eurasia Group (April 2007-April 2011)