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Vacancies to be filled during the 147th Assembly

All candidatures need to be accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum) specifying Committee membership in parliament and familiarity with the issues covered by the IPU body for which a seat is being sought, as well as a photo and completed contact information form (see [Annex](#)).

*In keeping with the provisions of the IPU Statutes and Rules, candidates should have experience and expertise, as far as possible, in the relevant areas of work, and they should be supported by their respective Parliament in carrying out their functions as IPU office holders (**including in terms of being included on the national delegation to IPU Assemblies and other relevant events**). Every effort should also be made to include young MPs and encourage candidatures from new Members of the IPU as well as from parliaments that do not hold other offices in the IPU.*

Candidatures can be submitted by email to: postbox@ipu.org or in person at the Assembly to the Documents Control Service.

President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

On 27 October 2023, the Governing Council will elect a new President to replace Mr. D. Pacheco (Portugal), whose term of office expires at the end of the 212th session of the Governing Council (cf. Article 19 of the Statutes and Rules 6, 7 and 8 of the Rules of the Governing Council). See the *Note on the Election of the President* [here](#).

Candidatures may be submitted up to 09:00 on Thursday, 26 October 2023.

To date the following candidatures have been received:

- [Ms. Adji Diarra Mergane Kanouté](#) (Senegal)
- [Ms. Catherine Gotani Hara](#) (Malawi)
- [Ms. Tulia Ackson](#) (United Republic of Tanzania)
- [Ms. Marwa Abdibashir Hagi](#) (Somalia)

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Executive Committee

On 27 October 2023, the Governing Council will elect **ten members** to fill the following vacancies:

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| African Group | : | Two vacancies, to be filled by one woman and one man, ¹ to replace Ms. E. Anyakun (Uganda) and Mr. J.F.N. Mudenda (Zimbabwe), whose memberships of the Committee expire at the 212th session of the Governing Council. |
| Asia-Pacific Group | : | Two vacancies, one of which should be filled by a man, to replace Mr. R. Rabbani (Pakistan) and Ms. P. Krairiksh (Thailand), whose memberships of the Committee expire at the 212th session of the Governing Council. |
| Eurasia Group | : | One vacancy, to be filled by a woman, to replace Mr. A. Saidov (Uzbekistan), whose membership of the Committee expires at the 212th session of the Governing Council. |
| Group of Latin America and the Caribbean | : | One vacancy, to be filled by a man, to replace Mr. I. Flores García (Chile), whose membership of the Committee expires at the 212th session of the Governing Council. |
| Twelve Plus Group | : | Four vacancies, to be filled by two men and two women, to replace Mr. F. Marchand (France), who is no longer a member of parliament, Ms. O. Kefalogianni (Greece), who has been appointed minister, Mr. J.I. Echániz (Spain), who is no longer a member of parliament, and Ms. J. Alm Ericson (Sweden), whose membership of the Committee expires at the 212th session of the Governing Council. |

* In accordance with Article 25.6 of the IPU Statutes, if a member of the Executive Committee ceases to be a parliamentarian, the IPU Member concerned shall appoint a substitute to serve until the next session of the Governing Council, when an election shall be held. If the newly elected member is from a different parliament to the outgoing member, s/he will serve a full term. Otherwise, the new member shall complete the term of office of his/her predecessor.

Candidatures from the geopolitical groups concerned may be submitted up to 09:00 on Thursday, 26 October 2023.

COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

Standing Committee Bureaux

The Standing Committees will hold the following elections:

Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

There are **seven vacancies** to be filled by the following geopolitical groups:

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| Arab Group | : | One vacancy, to be filled by a man or a woman, to replace Mr. M.B.M. Al-Ahbab (Qatar). |
| Eurasia Group | : | Two vacancies, at least one of which is to be filled by a woman, to replace Ms. H. Hakobyan (Armenia), Mr. S. Rachkov (Belarus) and Mr. P. Tolstoy (Russian Federation) who concluded their terms in March 2023. |

¹ Groups with 4 seats will include an equal number of men and women;
Groups with 3 seats will include at least one man and one woman;
Groups with 2 seats will include an equal number of men and women;
Groups with 1 seat will ensure that the seat is held at least by a man and a woman over three terms.

- Group of Latin America and the Caribbean** : Three vacancies, at least one of which is to be filled by a woman, to replace Ms. L. Crexell (Argentina), Mr. J. Rathgeb Schifferli (Chile) and Ms. C. Cano Córdoba (Panama).
- Twelve Plus Group** : One vacancy, to be filled by a man or a woman, to replace Mr. L.-J. de Nicolaÿ (France).

Standing Committee on Sustainable Development

There is **one vacancy** to be filled by the following geopolitical group:

- Twelve Plus Group** : One vacancy, to be filled by a man or a woman, to replace Ms. M. McPhedran (Canada).

The Bureau members from Armenia, Kuwait, Seychelles and the Syrian Arab Republic are completing their first two-year term and are eligible for re-election for a second term.

Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights

There are **two vacancies** to be filled by the following geopolitical groups:

- Eurasia Group** : One vacancy, to be filled by a woman, to replace Ms. N. Rahmonova (Tajikistan) who concluded her term in March 2023.
- Twelve Plus Group** : One vacancy, to be filled by a man or a woman, to replace Mr. V. Sanchez Del Real (Spain).

The Bureau members from Armenia, Suriname and the United Republic of Tanzania are completing their first two-year term and are eligible for re-election for a second term.

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

There are **two vacancies** to be filled by the following geopolitical groups:

- Group of Latin America and the Caribbean** : One vacancy, to be filled by a woman, to replace Ms. C. López Castro (Mexico).
- Twelve Plus Group** : One vacancy, to be filled by a man or a woman, to replace Mr. A. Gryffroy (Belgium).

The Bureau members from Armenia and Republic of Moldova are completing their first two-year term and are eligible for re-election for a second term.

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In accordance with the Rules of the Standing Committees:

- Members of the Bureau shall be elected for a term of two years and may be re-elected for a further period of two years.
- When a member of the Bureau has served for four consecutive years, two years must elapse before that person may again be elected to the same Bureau.
- Representatives of a Member shall not simultaneously hold more than one post as President or Vice-President of a Standing Committee, or hold a post in the same body for more than four consecutive years.
- Members of a Bureau who are absent for two consecutive sessions, without a valid reason, may lose their seat on the Bureau by a decision of the corresponding Committee. In such cases, a new election will be held at the next session of the Standing Committee to fill the respective vacancy.

Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

On 27 October 2023, the Governing Council will elect **one member** to replace Ms. A. Gerken (Netherlands), who is no longer a member of parliament.

Please note that although the composition of this Committee should reflect an equitable geopolitical distribution of seats, **members of the Committee are elected in their individual capacity on the basis of their competence, commitment to human rights and availability, and not as representatives of their parliament or geopolitical group.**

In light of the Committee's current composition and its rule on the **promotion of gender equality, interested female parliamentarians from the Arab, Asia-Pacific and Eurasia geopolitical groups are strongly encouraged to submit their candidatures.**

Parliamentarians wishing to become members of this Committee are required to meet a set of distinct criteria. Candidates are therefore requested to complete the form available on the IPU website: www.ipu.org/file/17310/download. Candidatures may be submitted up to 09:00 on Thursday, 26 October 2023.

Bureau of Women Parliamentarians

On 23 October 2023, the Forum of Women Parliamentarians will elect members to fill the following vacancies in the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians:

- One regional representative for the **Arab Group** (end of term: March 2025), to replace Ms. H. Ramzy Favez (Bahrain), who became an ex-officio member of the Bureau after presiding over the 35th session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians in March 2023;
- Two regional representatives for the **Eurasia Group** (end of term: March 2027) to replace Ms. Z. Greceanii (Republic of Moldova) and Ms. E. Vtorygina (Russian Federation), who concluded their term in March 2023 and were not replaced at the previous Assembly;
- One regional representative for the **Group of Latin America and the Caribbean** (end of term: March 2025), to replace Ms. W.P. Andrade Muñoz (Ecuador), who is no longer a member of parliament.

Candidatures from the geopolitical groups concerned may be submitted up to 12 noon on Sunday, 22 October 2023.

Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU

At its next meeting, the Forum of Young Parliamentarians will elect members to fill the following vacancies on the Board:

- One vacancy, to be filled by a man, representative for the **Eurasia Group** (end of term: March 2025) for the seat that was not filled at the 146th IPU Assembly.

According to Rule 5.3 of the Forum's Rules and working modalities: "The Board shall be composed of two representatives from each of the IPU geopolitical groups, a man and a woman", below the age of 45 years.

Candidatures from the geopolitical groups concerned may be submitted up to 09:00 on Tuesday, 24 October 2023.

Committee on Middle East Questions

On 27 October 2023, the Governing Council will elect **three members** (one man and two women) to replace:

- Ms. F. Benbadis (Algeria), whose term of office expires at the 212th session of the Governing Council;
- Mr. M. Ali Serah (Indonesia), who has resigned, and
- Ms. R. Kavakci Kan (Türkiye), who is no longer a member of parliament.

Although the composition of this Committee should reflect a diverse geopolitical representation, **members of this Committee are elected in their individual capacity, not as representatives of their parliament or geopolitical group.**

Candidatures may be submitted up to 09:00 on Thursday, 26 October 2023.

Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

On 27 October 2023, the Governing Council will elect **three members**, as follows:

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| Asia-Pacific Group | : | One vacancy, to be filled by a man, to replace Mr. S. Patra (India). |
| Eurasia Group | : | One vacancy, to be filled by a woman, to replace Ms. E. Afanasieva (Russian Federation). |
| Twelve Plus Group | : | One vacancy, to be filled by a man, to replace Mr. C. Lacroix (Belgium). |

Candidatures from the geopolitical groups concerned may be submitted up to 09:00 on Thursday, 26 October 2023.

High-Level Advisory Group on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism

On 27 October 2023, the Governing Council will elect **six members**, as follows:

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| African Group: | : | One vacancy to be filled by a man or a woman to replace Mr. M. Karidio (Niger), who is no longer a member of parliament. |
| Eurasia Group | : | One vacancy, to be filled by a woman, for the seat that was not filled at the 146th IPU Assembly. |
| Group of Latin America and the Caribbean | : | One vacancy, to be filled by a man or a woman, to replace Ms. A. González (Panama), who has failed to participate in more than three consecutive meetings of the Advisory Group. |
| Twelve Plus Group | : | Three vacancies, at least two of which to be filled by women, to replace Ms. A. Vadai (Hungary) whose term of office expires at the 212th session of the Governing Council, Mr. A. Dicter (Israel) who is no longer a member of parliament, and Ms. J. Gapany (Switzerland), who has failed to participate in more than three consecutive meetings of the Advisory Group. |

Candidatures from the geopolitical groups concerned may be submitted up to 09:00 on Thursday, 26 October 2023.

* [*c.f. Terms of Reference of the High-Level Advisory Group on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism.*](#)

Working Group on Science and Technology

On 27 October 2023, the Governing Council will elect **four members**, as follows:

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| African Group | : | Two vacancies, to be filled by women, to replace Mr. F. Tchaou (Benin), who is no longer a member of parliament, and Ms. S. Kasanga (Kenya), who is no longer a member of parliament and whose seat was not filled at the 146th IPU Assembly. |
| Group of Latin America and the Caribbean | : | One vacancy, to be filled by a woman, to replace Ms. R.A. Campain Brambilla (Ecuador). |
| Twelve Plus Group | : | One vacancy to be filled by a woman, to replace Ms. P. Geerdink (Netherlands), who has failed to attend more than three consecutive meetings of the Working Group* |

Candidatures from the geopolitical groups concerned may be submitted up to 09:00 on Thursday, 26 October 2023.

* c.f. [Terms of Reference of the Working Group on Science and Technology](#).

Appointment of two Internal Auditors for the 2024 accounts

On 27 October 2023, the Governing Council will appoint **two Internal Auditors** for the 2024 fiscal year. They will be expected to present their report to the Governing Council at its first statutory session in 2025. Parliamentarians interested in submitting their candidature for this position should preferably have prior experience in either a parliamentary finance or audit committee.

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Contact information for candidate applying to vacancies on IPU Committees and other bodies

PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FORM FOR EACH CANDIDATE
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Title of Committee or other body	
Candidate's details	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr.	First name
	Last name
Year of birth	
Name of Parliament	
Country	
<input type="checkbox"/> Member of parliament (lower chamber)	<input type="checkbox"/> Senator (upper chamber)
Email addresses Candidatures will only be accepted with a personal email contact.	
Candidate's primary personal email address	
Candidate's secondary email address (personal assistant or parliamentary aide)	
Phone numbers (including country code)	
Candidate's personal mobile number and office number (if available)	
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Submit this form, a signed covering letter, a brief CV and one photo (square format, min 600x600 pixels) to postbox@ipu.org or in person during the Assembly to the Documents Control Service