

# 206th session of the Governing Council (Extraordinary virtual session) 1–4 November 2020

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## Provisional agenda of the 206th session of the Governing Council

Draft agenda proposed by the Executive Committee. Due to time constraints and the format of the meeting, it is proposed that the agenda be limited to the most pressing issues on which decisions are required

- 1. Adoption of the agenda
- 2. Adoption of the Special Rules of Procedure for the virtual session of the Governing Council

The Special Rules of Procedure have been prepared by the Working Group tasked with preparing the virtual session of the Governing Council, with the support of the IPU Secretariat and the independent Legal Counsel, and further amended and endorsed by the Executive Committee. They are designed to adapt certain existing Rules, which will be temporarily suspended, to the specificities of a virtual session. The Special Rules of Procedure are being circulated to the full membership of the IPU and will be adopted at the first sitting of the virtual session.

3. Approval of the summary records of the 205th session of the Governing Council (Belgrade, October 2019)

The summary records were sent to all Members on 28 January 2020.

4. IPU Honorary President's report

The outgoing President will present a report on her overall activity during her three-year term as President of the IPU.

- 5. Election of the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union
  (Article 19 of the Statutes and Rules 6, 7 and 8 of the Rules of the Governing
  Council as well as the Special Rules of Procedure)
  - (a) The candidates to the IPU Presidency will each be given 10 minutes to address the Governing Council, to present themselves and their vision for the Organization.
  - (b) The Governing Council will elect a new President to replace Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron (Mexico), who will conclude her term of office on 19 October 2020.

#### 6. Financial results for 2019

The Governing Council will be informed of the financial results for 2019 and will be asked to approve the accounts. It will also elect the internal auditors for the 2021 accounts.

#### 7. 2021 draft consolidated budget

The Governing Council will be invited to adopt the draft budget, accompanied by the IPU work programme for 2021.

#### 8. Elections to the Executive Committee

The Governing Council will elect two new members of the Executive Committee. In light of the fact that the membership of the other statutory bodies of the IPU is determined by the geopolitical groups, it is proposed that the mandates of other IPU office holders be extended to such a time as elections can take place (142nd IPU Assembly, Marrakech, 14-18 March 2021).

#### 9. Brief report by the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

The Governing Council will be invited to hear a brief report on the activities of the Committee since October 2019 and to adopt the relevant decisions on the human rights of parliamentarians.

### 10. Brief report on the outcome of the virtual segment of the Fifth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament

The Governing Council will be briefed on the outcome of the virtual segment of this high-level event and on the preparations under way for the in-person Conference to be held in Vienna in 2021.

#### 11. Future Inter-Parliamentary meetings

The Governing Council will be invited to approve the list of Future inter-parliamentary meetings scheduled for end of 2020 onwards.

#### 12. Questions relating to the IPU membership: the specific situation in Mali

Following the coup d'état on 18 August, the National Assembly of Mali has been dissolved. The Governing Council will be called upon to review the situation and take a decision on Mali's membership within the IPU.

#### 13. Other business