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# 142nd IPU ASSEMBLY

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## Vacancies to be filled during the 142nd Assembly

*All candidatures need to be accompanied by a signed covering letter, a brief curriculum vitae (maximum one page), a completed contact information form, and a written commitment from the candidate's parliament that s/he will be supported in their work and included in future delegations to Assemblies. Candidatures for the Executive Committee, the Committee on Middle East Questions and the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians must be received by 18:00 (Geneva time) on **9 May 2021**. Nominations by the Geopolitical Groups for the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians and the Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians must be received by 18:00 (Geneva time) on **26 April 2021**. All other nominations by the Geopolitical Groups must be received by 18:00 (Geneva time) on **16 May 2021**. Candidatures should be submitted to [documents@ipu.org](mailto:documents@ipu.org).*

### Executive Committee

At its next session, the Governing Council will elect **one member**, as follows:

**Arab Group** : One vacancy, to be filled by a man or a woman, to replace Mr. A. Abdel Aal (Egypt), whose Executive Committee term ends at the 207th session of the Governing Council.

### Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

The Governing Council will elect **six members** to replace Mr. D. Carter (New Zealand), Ms. A. Jerkov (Serbia) and Mr. J. Kim (Republic of Korea), who are no longer members of parliament; Ms. J.M. Zabwe (Uganda), whose parliamentary mandate ends in mid-May 2021; and Ms. D. Solórzano (Venezuela) and Mr. A.A. Alaradi (Bahrain), whose membership of the Committee expires at the 207th session of the Governing Council.

In light of the Committee's rule on the promotion of gender equality and of its current composition, those interested in submitting their candidatures should bear in mind that ideally, in order to have full parity, three of the new members should be male parliamentarians and three of the new members should be female parliamentarians.

**Please note that although the composition of this Committee should reflect an equitable geopolitical distribution of seats, members of this Committee are elected in their individual capacity, not as representatives of their parliament or geopolitical group.**

*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: <https://www.ipu.org/file/10417/download>*

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### **Committee on Middle East Questions**

The Governing Council will elect **two members** to replace Mr. M. Al Mehrzi (United Arab Emirates), who is no longer a member of parliament, and Ms. S. Atallahjan (Canada), whose membership of the Committee expires at the 207th session of the Governing Council.

In light of the Committee's rule on gender balance, those interested in submitting their candidatures should bear in mind that in order to have full parity, one new member should be a male parliamentarian, and one new member should be a female parliamentarian.

**Please note that, 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.**

### **Nominations to be received from the Geopolitical Groups**

#### **Bureau of Women Parliamentarians**

At the next statutory Assembly, the Forum of Women Parliamentarians will be required to renew half of the membership of its Bureau.

**Two regional representatives** are to be elected from each geopolitical group, for a four-year term, to replace those regional representatives whose term expired in April 2020.

According to the Rules of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians, a retiring member of the Bureau shall not be eligible for re-election for two years.

The Forum of Women Parliamentarians will also replace **five members**, from the African Group, Arab Group, Asia-Pacific Group, and the Twelve Plus Group respectively, who are no longer members of parliament, and from the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (parliamentary mandate ends as of April 2021), and whose terms of office end in April 2022.

In light of the Forum's rule on the promotion of gender equality and of its current composition, only female parliamentarians may submit their candidatures for these five vacancies.

#### **Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU**

At its next meeting, the Forum will elect its Board.

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.

Each geopolitical group is therefore invited to nominate two young parliamentarians, one of each sex, as their representatives on the Board.

#### **Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law**

The Governing Council will elect **four members**, as follows:

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| <b>African Group</b>                            | : | One vacancy to be filled by a man   |
| <b>Arab Group</b>                               | : | One vacancy to be filled by a man   |
| <b>Asia-Pacific Group</b>                       | : | One vacancy to be filled by a woman |
| <b>Group of Latin America and the Caribbean</b> | : | One vacancy to be filled by a man   |

## High-Level Advisory Group on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism

The Governing Council will elect **seven members**, as follows:

- African Group** : Two vacancies, at least one of which is to be filled by a woman
- Arab Group** : One vacancy to be filled by a woman
- Asia-Pacific Group** : One vacancy to be filled by a man
- Group of Latin America and the Caribbean** : Two vacancies, at least one of which is to be filled by a woman
- Twelve Plus Group** : One vacancy to be filled by a woman.

## Working Group on Science and Technology

At the 141st IPU Assembly, the governing bodies endorsed the establishment of the Working Group on Science and Technology. The modalities for the Working Group are expected to be approved on the occasion of the 142nd Assembly, and the geopolitical groups are therefore invited to submit the candidatures of members of parliament based on their proven expertise and experience in the science and technology sector.

The Governing Council will elect **21 members**, according to the following formula (Executive Committee geopolitical group quota plus one per group). The composition shall therefore be:

- African Group** : Five members, which will include at least two men and two women
- Arab Group** : Two members, which will include an equal number of men and women
- Asia-Pacific Group** : Four members, which will include an equal number of men and women
- Eurasia Group** : Two members, which will include an equal number of men and women
- Group of Latin America and the Caribbean** : Three members, which will include at least one man and one woman
- Twelve Plus Group** : Five members, which will include at least two men and two women

In addition, one representative of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians and one representative of the Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians shall be ex officio members.

## 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:

- African Group** : One vacancy, to be filled by a man or a woman
- Arab Group** : One vacancy, to be filled by a man or a woman
- Asia-Pacific Group** : Three vacancies, at least one of which is to be filled by a woman
- Group of Latin America and the Caribbean** : Two vacancies, at least one of which is to be filled by a woman

Standing Committee on Sustainable Development

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

- African Group** : Three vacancies, at least one of which is to be filled by a woman
- Arab Group** : One vacancy, to be filled by a man or a woman
- Asia-Pacific Group** : One vacancy, to be filled by a man or a woman
- Eurasia Group** : One vacancy, to be filled by a woman
- GRULAC** : Two vacancies, at least one of which is to be filled by a man
- Twelve Plus Group** : Two vacancies, at least one of which is to be filled by a man.

Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights

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

- African Group** : Two vacancies, at least one of which is to be filled by a woman
- Asia-Pacific Group** : Two vacancies, at least one of which is to be filled by a man
- Eurasia Group** : Two vacancies, at least one of which is to be filled by a man
- GRULAC** : One vacancy, to be filled by a man or a woman
- Twelve Plus Group** : One vacancy, to be filled by a man or a woman.

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

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

- African Group** : One vacancy, to be filled by a woman
- Arab Group** : Three vacancies, at least one of which is to be filled by a woman
- Asia-Pacific Group** : One vacancy, to be filled by a woman
- Eurasia Group** : One vacancy, to be filled by a man or a woman
- GRULAC** : Two vacancies, at least one of which is to be filled by a woman.