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Terms of reference

IPU Working Group on Transparency, Accountability and Openness

Background:

At its 207th Session in May 2021, the Governing Council endorsed the recommendations of the Executive Committee on the establishment of a Working Group on Transparency and Accountability to be tasked with overseeing the implementation of the recommendations of Transparency Report presented by an independent consultant in April 2020.

The establishment of the Working Group would help the IPU to strengthen and follow on its commitment to transparency, accountability, and openness. For this purpose, the Working Group would help the IPU to further develop and update its resources and implement the recommendations of the abovementioned report.

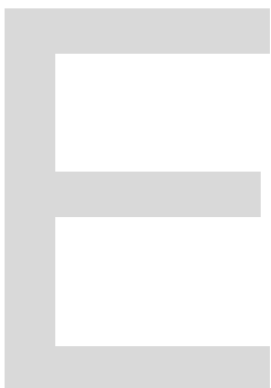
Objectives:

The Working Group will inter alia:

- Review the recommendations set out in the report;
- Prioritize the measures to be taken along the set of recommendations made by the Transparency expert; establish a process for implementation.
- Oversee and evaluate this implementation process;
- Report, on a regular basis to the Executive Committee and Governing Council on progress.

Composition:

The Working Group will be composed of six members including a Chairperson, one from each geopolitical groups selected from within the Executive Committee. There must be parity between men and women. The members of the Working Group shall serve for as long as they are member of the Executive Committee.



Working arrangements:

The Group shall normally meet twice a year in regular session, on the occasion of IPU Assemblies. Its sessions shall be held *in camera*. The Group shall set the dates for its sessions based on the proposals made by the Secretary General.

The Group may exceptionally hold sessions outside of IPU Assemblies.

The Group shall determine its agenda and organizes its work as proposed by its Chair.

The Group shall produce reports for circulation to all the Members of the IPU.

Chairperson:

The Group shall elect a chair from among its members who shall preside over its deliberations. The term of office of the chair shall be one year, renewable.

Reporting:

The Working Group shall report on the outcomes of its activities and progress to the IPU Executive Committee and Governing Council.

Decisions:

The Group shall usually take decisions by consensus. Where no consensus is reached, its main recommendations and the divergent opinions will be presented to the Executive Committee.