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Annex 5

Election of Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the IPU Standing Committees

In keeping with the substantive IPU reforms of 2013, the presidency of all the Standing Committees changes every two years on the basis of regional rotation.

Elections for the positions of President and Vice-President of the Standing Committees will be held during the 147th Assembly in October 2023. Newly-elected Presidents and Vice-Presidents will assume their respective roles at the end of the 147th Assembly and will hold these positions for the period 2023-2025.

During the 143rd IPU Assembly in November 2021, the Chairs of the geopolitical groups reached agreement among themselves on the distribution of the presidencies and vice-presidencies of the Standing Committees among the geopolitical groups.

When considering the distribution of positions, two key principles were taken into account:

- The positions of President and Vice-President should be shared equally between women and men.
- Over a period of six cycles until 2033, every geopolitical group should have the opportunity to chair each of the Standing Committees once.

Taking these principles into account, as well as the distribution of the positions in recent cycles:

- Annex 1 contains the intended distribution of the positions of President and Vice-President for the next cycle (elections in October 2023, for the period 2023-2025).
- Annex 2 outlines the decision taken at the 143rd Assembly for the rotation of the positions of President and Vice-President for the current and next five cycles, until 2033.

For reference, the following annexes are also included:

- Annex 3: A summary of the distribution of the Standing Committee presidencies since the last major reform of the Rules of the Standing Committees in 2013.
- Annex 4: An overview of leadership positions across all IPU bodies.
- Annex 5: A list of countries represented on the Executive Committee. Rule 9.3 of the Rules of the Standing Committees stipulates that there shall be no candidates for the post of President or Vice-President of a Standing Committee from a Member of the IPU represented on the Executive Committee.
- Annex 6: The relevant provisions of the Rules of the Standing Committees.

The geopolitical groups are therefore invited to consult within their groups to identify the person and country to be nominated for the leadership position. For reference, the President of a Standing Committee needs to be a current member of that Committee's Bureau. Each Geopolitical Group holds three seats on each Bureau.

A key point in considering the presidencies of the Standing Committees will be the profile of the President. It is critical to the effectiveness of the Committee for the President to be a parliamentarian with attested experience, a deep commitment to the issues falling within the purview of the respective Committee, and the willingness to devote time and energy to the exercise of this function. A working knowledge of one of the official languages of the IPU (English and French) and a certain prominence at the national and international level would also be an important asset. The support of his/her Parliament in the exercise of the function is crucial.

Distribution of presidencies of the Standing Committees in the next cycle

(elections in October 2023, for the period 2023-2025)

Standing Committee on Peace and International Security:

President	Vice-President
Eurasia Group – Female	Asia-Pacific Group – Male

Standing Committee on Sustainable Development

President	Vice-President
African Group – Male	Arab Group – Female

Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights

President	Vice-President
Asia-Pacific Group – Female	Eurasia – Male

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

President	Vice-President
Twelve Plus Group – Male	GRULAC – Female

Rotation of the presidencies of the IPU Standing Committees until 2033

Date	Standing Committee	Presidency	Sex	Vice-presidency	Sex
2021-2023	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security	Arab Group	Male	Eurasia Group	Female
	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development	Twelve Plus Group	Female	African Group	Male
	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights	GRULAC	Male	Asia-Pacific Group	Female
	Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs	African Group	Female	Twelve Plus Group	Male
2023-2025	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security	Eurasia Group	Female	Asia-Pacific Group	Male
	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development	African Group	Male	Arab Group	Female
	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights	Asia-Pacific Group	Female	Eurasia	Male
	Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs	Twelve Plus Group	Male	GRULAC	Female
2025-2027	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security	Asia-Pacific Group	Male	Twelve Plus Group	Female
	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development	Arab Group	Female	GRULAC	Male
	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights	Eurasia Group	Male	African Group	Female
	Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs	GRULAC	Female	Arab Group	Male
2027-2029	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security	Twelve Plus Group	Female	African Group	Male
	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development	GRULAC	Male	Asia-Pacific Group	Female
	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights	African Group	Female	Twelve Plus Group	Male
	Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs	Arab Group	Male	Eurasia Group	Female
2029-2031	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security	African Group	Male	GRULAC	Female
	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development	Asia-Pacific Group	Female	Eurasia Group	Male
	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights	Twelve Plus Group	Male	Arab Group	Female
	Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs	Eurasia Group	Female	Asia-Pacific Group	Male
2031-2033	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security	GRULAC	Female	Arab Group	Male
	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development	Eurasia Group	Male	Twelve Plus Group	Female
	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights	Arab Group	Female	GRULAC	Male
	Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs	Asia-Pacific Group	Male	African Group	Female

Previous presidencies of the IPU Standing Committees

As background, the presidencies of the Committees since 2013, when the last major reform of the Rules of the Standing Committees was adopted, are listed below. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was impossible to hold elections in 2020 so the presidencies remained vacant for one year.

Standing Committee on Peace and International Security:

	President	Vice-President
2021-2023	Arab Group (Qatar)	Eurasia Group (Armenia)
2018-2020	Twelve Plus Group (Spain)	Eurasia Group (Belarus)
2016-2018	GRULAC (Mexico)	Twelve Plus Group (Portugal)
2013-2015	African Group (South Africa)	Arab Group (Morocco)

NOTE: Since the 2013 reform, the Asia-Pacific and Eurasia Groups have not held the presidency of this Committee.

Standing Committee on Sustainable Development

	President	Vice-President
2021-2023	Twelve Plus Group (Netherlands)	African Group (Seychelles)
2018-2020	African Group (Zimbabwe)	Arab Group (Jordan)
2016-2018	Asia-Pacific Group (Cambodia)	African Group (Mali)
2013-2015	GRULAC (Chile)	Twelve Plus Group (Denmark)

NOTE: Since the 2013 reform, the Eurasia and Arab Groups have not held the presidency of this Committee.

Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights

	President	Vice-President
2021-2023	GRULAC (Suriname)	Asia-Pacific Group (Mongolia)
2018-2020	Asia-Pacific Group (India)	Twelve Plus Group (Netherlands)
2016-2018	African Group (Botswana)	
2014-2015	Asia-Pacific Group (Afghanistan)	
2011-2014	African Group (Ghana)	

NOTE: Since the 2013 reform, the Arab, Eurasia and Twelve Plus Groups have not held the presidency of this Committee.

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs (formally established as a Standing Committee in 2014)

	President	Vice-President
2021-2023	African Group (Kenya)	Twelve Plus Group (Switzerland)
2018-2020	GRULAC (Argentina)	Arab Group (Kuwait)
2015-2017	Twelve Plus Group (Sweden)	Arab Group (Sudan)

NOTE: Since the 2013 reform, the Arab, Asia-Pacific and Eurasia Groups have not held the presidency of this Committee.

Leadership of IPU bodies (as of June 2023)

Committees and Working Groups	Chair	Country	Geopolitical Group	Expiry of term
Standing Committee on Peace and International Security	Mr. M.B.M. Al-Ahbab	Qatar	Arab Group	October 2023
Standing Committee on Sustainable Development	<i>Vacancy</i> Formerly: Ms. A. Mulder	Netherlands	Twelve Plus Group	<i>Vacancy arose April 2023</i>
Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights	Mr. A. Gajadien	Suriname	GRULAC	October 2023
Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs	<i>Vacancy</i> Formerly: Ms. S. Abdi Noor	Kenya	African Group	<i>Vacancy arose April 2023</i>
Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians	Mr. S. Cogolati	Belgium	Twelve Plus Group	March 2026
Committee on Middle East Questions	Mr. H. Julien-Laferrière	France	Twelve Plus Group	October 2026
Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law	Mr. J. Kiarie	Kenya	African Group	March 2025
Advisory Group on Health	Mr. J.I. Echániz	Spain	Twelve Plus Group	September 2023
Bureau of Women Parliamentarians	Ms. C. López Castro	Mexico	GRULAC	March 2025
Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU	Mr. D. Carden	United Kingdom	Twelve Plus Group	March 2025
High-Level Advisory Group on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism	<i>Vacancy</i> Interim Chair: Ms. A. Vadai	<i>Hungary</i>	<i>Twelve Plus Group</i>	<i>October 2023</i>
Working Group on Science and Technology	Mr. D. Naughten	Ireland	Twelve Plus Group	March 2025

Composition of the Executive Committee*

	Members	Expiry of term
<i>Ex-officio President:</i>	Mr. D. Pacheco (Portugal)	October 2023
<i>Vice-President of the Executive Committee:</i>		
<i>IPU Vice-Presidents:</i>		
<i>African Group</i>	<i>Vacancy</i>	
<i>Arab Group</i>	Dr. A.R. Al Nuaimi (United Arab Emirates)	March 2025
<i>Asia-Pacific Group</i>	Ms. P. Krairiksh (Thailand)	October 2023
<i>Eurasia Group</i>	Mr. A. Saidov (Uzbekistan)	October 2023
<i>Group of Latin America and the Caribbean</i>	Ms. B. Argimón (Uruguay)	October 2024
<i>Twelve Plus Group</i>	Mr. J.I. Echániz (Spain)	October 2025
<i>Members:</i>	Mr. A. Kharchi (Algeria)	October 2025
	Mr. I. Flores García (Chile)	October 2023
	Ms. I.K.N. Sabangu (Democratic Republic of the Congo)	March 2027
	Mr. F. Marchand (France)	October 2026
	Ms. O. Kefalogianni (Greece)	October 2025
	Ms. A. Sarangi (India)	October 2026
	Mr. R. Rabbani (Pakistan)	October 2023
	Ms. J.Alm Ericson (Sweden)	October 2023
	Ms. E. Anyakun (Uganda)	October 2023
	Mr. J.F.N. Mudenda (Zimbabwe)	October 2023
<i>Ex-officio members:</i>		
President of the Bureau of Women MPs	Ms. C. Lopez Castro (Mexico)	March 2025
President of the Board of the Forum of Young MPs	Mr. D. Carden (United Kingdom)	March 2025

* This list was updated in March 2023

Relevant provisions of the Rules of the Standing Committees

Rule 7.1. Each Standing Committee shall elect a Bureau composed of three representatives of each of the existing geopolitical groups, which shall designate to each Bureau not more than two candidates of the same sex. The President of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians and the President of the Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians shall be ex officio members of each Bureau. Every effort shall be made to include young parliamentarians and encourage candidatures from new Members of the IPU as well as Members that do not hold other offices in the IPU.

Rule 7.2. Candidatures for a Bureau shall be submitted by the respective geopolitical group (cf. Statutes, Art. 27.2) and should have expertise and specialization as far as possible in the area of work of the given Standing Committee.

Rule 7.3 Elected members of the Bureau shall be supported by their respective Parliament in carrying out their function as members of the Bureau. Every effort shall be made to ensure their participation in IPU Assemblies for the duration of their mandate as members of the Bureau.

Rule 9.1 In order to ensure as far as possible a fair distribution of these posts among the Members of the IPU, representatives of a Member shall not simultaneously hold more than one post as President or Vice-President of Standing Committees (cf. Rule 7.5) or hold a post in the same body for more than four consecutive years (cf. Rule 8.2).

Rule 9.2 Members of the Executive Committee shall not simultaneously hold office as Bureau members of Standing Committees (cf. Statutes, Art. 25.9 and Standing Committees, Rule 11.2).

Rule 9.3 There shall be no candidates for the post of President or Vice-President of a Standing Committee from a Member of the IPU represented on the Executive Committee.