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Election of the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

This note sets out the voting procedure for the election of the IPU President

1. The Governing Council will elect the President by secret ballot.
2. The vote will take place in the Governing Council sitting on Friday, 27 October 2023 in the Plenary Hall (ground floor).
3. The sitting will start at 09:00. The candidates will be allocated five minutes each to present their candidature, following which the vote will commence.
4. The Secretary of the Assembly will call, in alphabetical order, each Member Parliament attending the 147th Assembly with voting rights.
5. *"Each Member of the IPU shall be represented on the Governing Council by three parliamentarians, provided that its representation includes both men and women. Single-gender delegations will be limited to one member."* (Rule 1.2 of the Governing Council Rules)
6. The Governing Council members will be invited to come down to the front of the Plenary Room. After the Secretariat has verified the accreditation of each member of parliament, they will receive an individual ballot paper and be invited to proceed to one of the booths (set up on either side of the room).
7. Once the ballot paper has been filled out, the Governing Council members will proceed to the ballot box, placed on a table in the middle of the room and, under the scrutiny of two tellers appointed by the Governing Council, cast their vote.
8. Samples of valid votes will be displayed inside the voting booths.
9. In accordance with Rule 30.2 of the Governing Council Rules, the results of secret ballots shall be ascertained by two tellers appointed by the Governing Council.
10. Once all the votes have been cast, the two tellers, a personal representative of each of the candidates and three members of the IPU Secretariat will proceed to a room within the building. The tellers and members of the Secretariat will count the votes while the representatives of the candidates will observe the process. Only valid votes will be counted.
11. The Governing Council will elect the candidate having received an absolute majority of the votes cast, as per Rule 35.1(b) of the Governing Council Rules, i.e. 50% of the valid votes, plus one vote.
12. If none of the candidates receives the required majority in the first round of voting, the candidate who received the fewest number of votes will be eliminated and a new round of voting held, until such time as a candidate obtains an absolute majority of votes cast.

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