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Vacancies to be filled during the 153rd Assembly

All candidatures need to be accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum) specifying Committee membership in parliament and familiarity with the issues covered by the IPU body for which a seat is being sought, as well as a photo and completed personal information form (see [Annex](#)).

*In keeping with the provisions of the IPU Statutes and Rules, candidates should have experience and expertise, as far as possible, in the relevant areas of work, and they should be supported by their respective Parliament in carrying out their functions as IPU officeholders (**including in terms of being included on the national delegation to IPU Assemblies and other relevant events**). Every effort should also be made to encourage candidatures from young MPs and members of new Member Parliaments of the IPU, as well as from members of parliaments that do not already hold other offices in the IPU.*

Candidatures and related documentation may be submitted by email to: postbox@ipu.org or in person at the Assembly to the Documents Control Service. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

I. President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

On 9 October 2026, the Governing Council will elect a new President to replace Dr. T. Ackson (United Republic of Tanzania), whose term of office expires at the end of the 218th session of the Governing Council (cf. Article 19 of the Statutes and Rules 6, 7 and 8 of the Rules of the Governing Council).

Candidatures may be submitted up to 09:00 on Thursday, 8 October 2026. Please see [here](#) for the Note on the election of the IPU President as well as the candidatures received to date.

II. Candidatures to be endorsed by the geopolitical groups¹

Executive Committee

On 9 October 2026, the Governing Council will elect **three members**, as follows:

Asia-Pacific Group	:	One vacancy, to be filled by a woman, to replace Ms. A Sarangi (India), whose mandate ends at the 153rd Assembly.
Group of Latin America and the Caribbean	:	One vacancy, to be filled by a woman, to replace Ms. M.d.C. Alva Prieto (Peru), who is no longer a member of parliament. ²

¹ Candidatures submitted in an individual capacity will not be accepted by the IPU Secretariat.

² It is usual practice for the Parliament concerned to appoint a member of its Parliament to complete the term of office of his/her predecessor (ending October 2028).

Twelve Plus Group : One vacancy, to be filled by a man, to replace Mr. X. Iacovelli (France), whose mandate ends at the 153rd Assembly.

Candidatures from the geopolitical groups concerned may be submitted up to 09:00 on Thursday, 8 October 2026.

COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

Standing Committee Bureaux

The Standing Committees will hold the following elections:

Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

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

African Group : One vacancy, to be filled by a woman, for the seat that was not filled at the 152nd Assembly.

Asia-Pacific Group : Mr. H. Mohammad (Malaysia) is completing his first two-year term and is eligible for re-election for a second term.

Eurasia Group : Two vacancies, to be filled by at least one woman, for the seat that was not filled at the 152nd Assembly and to replace Ms. A. Kuspan (Kazakhstan), who is no longer a member of parliament.

Standing Committee on Sustainable Development

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

African Group : One vacancy, to be filled by a man, to replace Mr. A. Bouchouit (Algeria), who is no longer a member of parliament.

Arab Group : Mr. M.Z. Maher (Tunisia) is completing his first two-year term and is eligible for re-election for a second term.

Eurasia Group : Two vacancies, to be filled by at least one woman, for the seat that was not filled at the 151st Assembly and to replace Mr. S. Gavrilov (Russian Federation), whose term ends at the 153rd Assembly.

Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights

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

African Group : One vacancy, to be filled by a woman, to replace Ms. F. Ilimi Haddouche (Algeria), who is no longer a member of parliament.

Asia-Pacific Group : Ms. D. O'Neill (Australia) is completing her first two-year term and is eligible for re-election for a second term.

Eurasia Group : One vacancy, to be filled by a woman, for the seat that was not filled at the 151st Assembly.

The positions of President and Vice-President of the Standing Committee are currently vacant, and are to be filled from among the members of the Bureau according to the agreed rotation.

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

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

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| African Group: | : | One vacancy, to be filled by a man or a woman, to replace Mr. J. Uerikua (Namibia) who died early this year. |
| Arab Group | : | Mr. F. Al-Nouiri (Libya) is completing his first two-year term and is eligible for re-election for a second term. |
| Asia-Pacific Group | : | One vacancy, to be filled by a woman, for the seat that was not filled at the 152nd Assembly. |
| Eurasia Group | : | Ms. R. Chemeris (Russian Federation) is completing her first two-year term and is eligible for re-election for a second term. |
| Group of Latin America and the Caribbean | : | Two vacancies, to be filled by at least one man, to replace Mr. E. Bustamante (Peru), whose term ends at the 153rd Assembly and Mr. M.R. Salinas (Paraguay), who is not seeking a second term. |

Candidatures from the geopolitical groups concerned may be submitted up to 18:00 on Tuesday, 6 October 2026.

The geopolitical groups concerned are also kindly requested to confirm in writing the nomination of existing Bureau members for a second term.

In accordance with the Rules of the Standing Committees:

- Members of the Bureau shall be elected for a term of two years and may be re-elected for a further period of two years.
- When a member of the Bureau has served for four consecutive years, two years must elapse before that person may again be elected to the same Bureau.
- Representatives of the same Member Parliament shall not simultaneously hold more than one post as President or Vice-President of a Standing Committee, or hold a post in the same body for more than four consecutive years.
- Members of a Bureau who are absent for two consecutive sessions, without a valid reason, may lose their seat on the Bureau by a decision of the corresponding Committee. In such cases, a new election will be held at the next session of the Standing Committee to fill the respective vacancy.

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Bureau of Women Parliamentarians

On 5 October 2026, the Forum of Women Parliamentarians will fill the following seat in the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians:

- One regional representative for the African Group (end of term: May 2027), to replace, for the remainder of her term, Ms. F. Ilimi Haddouche (Algeria), who is no longer a member of parliament.

Candidatures from the geopolitical group concerned may be submitted up to 17:00 on Sunday, 4 October 2026. Candidatures submitted in an individual capacity will not be accepted by the IPU Secretariat.

Bureau of Young Parliamentarians

On 6 October 2026, the Forum of Young Parliamentarians will elect one member to fill the following vacancy on the Bureau of Young Parliamentarians:

Group of Latin America and the Caribbean : One vacancy (End of term: May 2027), to be filled by a man, to replace, for the remainder of his term, Mr. W. Soto (Peru), who is no longer a member of parliament.

According to Rule 5.3 of the Forum: "The Bureau shall be composed of two representatives from each of the IPU geopolitical groups, a man and a woman", below the age of 40 years. Candidates shall be below the age of 40 years for the duration of their mandate, which ends at the 154th IPU Assembly (May 2027).

Candidatures from the geopolitical group concerned may be submitted up to 17:00 on 5 October 2026. Candidatures submitted in an individual capacity will not be accepted by the IPU Secretariat.

Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

On 9 October 2026, the Governing Council will elect **four members**, as follows:

Eurasia Group : One vacancy, to be filled by a man, for the seat that was not filled at the 152nd Assembly.

Group of Latin America and the Caribbean : One vacancy, to be filled by a man, to replace Mr. A. António Paredes González (Peru), whose term ends at the 153rd Assembly.

Twelve Plus Group : Two vacancies, one to be filled by a man, to replace Mr. A. Farrugia (Malta), who is no longer a member of parliament, and one to be filled by a woman, to replace Ms. G. Morawska-Stanecka (Poland), whose term ends at the 153rd Assembly.

Candidatures from the geopolitical groups concerned may be submitted up to 09:00 on Thursday, 8 October 2026.

High-Level Advisory Group on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism

On 9 October 2026, the Governing Council will elect **three members**, as follows:

African Group : Two vacancies, to be filled by women, to replace Ms. S. Ntarakutimana (Burundi), whose term ends at the 153rd Assembly, and for the seat that was not filled at the 152nd Assembly.

Eurasia Group : One vacancy, to be filled by a woman, for the seat that was not filled at the 151st Assembly.

Candidatures from the geopolitical groups concerned may be submitted up to 09:00 on Thursday, 8 October 2026.

Working Group on Science and Technology

On 9 October 2026, the Governing Council will elect **three members**, as follows:

Eurasia Group : One vacancy, to be filled by a man, for the seat that was not filled at the 151st Assembly.

Group of Latin America and the Caribbean : One vacancy, to be filled by a man or a woman, for the seat that was not filled at the 151st Assembly.

Twelve Plus Group : One vacancy, to be filled by a woman, to replace Ms. M. Cederfelt (Sweden), who is no longer a member of parliament.

Candidatures from the geopolitical groups concerned may be submitted up to 09:00 on Thursday, 8 October 2026. Candidatures submitted in an individual capacity will not be accepted by the IPU Secretariat.

Committee on Middle East Questions

On 9 October 2026, the Governing Council will elect **five members**:

- To replace Ms. L. Fehlmann Rielle (Switzerland) and Mr. A. Niffouri (Uruguay), whose terms end at the 153rd Assembly, and Mr. L.-J. de Nicolaÿ (France), who will no longer be a member of parliament.
- To fill the seats that were not filled at the 151st and 152nd Assemblies.

As per the revised Rules of the Committee, the Committee should be composed of one man and one woman from each geopolitical group. As part of the transition to this new composition, and as the Committee currently has no members from the Eurasia Group or the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean, two of these vacancies should ideally be filled by candidates from those geopolitical groups. In addition, as the African Group and the Asia-Pacific Group currently only have one member each (a man in each case), candidatures are encouraged from women parliamentarians from these geopolitical groups. The transition will continue as and when further vacancies arise.

Candidatures from the geopolitical groups concerned may be submitted up to 09:00 on Thursday, 8 October 2026.

III. Candidatures to be submitted in an individual capacity

Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

On 9 October 2026, the Governing Council will elect **two members**:

- To fill the seat following the revision of the Rules of the Committee that was not filled at the 152nd Assembly and to fill the seat left vacant by Mr. E. Blanc (France), who is no longer a member of parliament.

The revised Rules have increased the number of members of the Committee to 12 and provide that its composition shall reflect an equitable geopolitical distribution, namely: three parliamentarians each from the African Group and the Twelve Plus Group; two each from the Asia-Pacific Group and the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean; and one each from the Arab Group and the Eurasia Group.

As part of the transition to the new composition, the vacancy not filled at the 152nd Assembly should be filled by a parliamentarian from a parliament that is a member of the Arab Group.

Based on the revised Rules, the vacancy arising from the expiry of Mr. E. Blanc's parliamentary mandate should be filled by a parliamentarian from the Twelve Plus Group.

Candidates stand in an individual capacity on the basis of their competence, commitment to human rights and availability. They shall have a good command of English or French. While they do not represent a geopolitical group as such, they must be members of a parliament that is a member of one of the above-mentioned geopolitical groups. They may be supported by their national parliaments in the submission of their candidatures.

The revised Rules further require full gender parity in the composition of the Committee. In light of the current composition of the Committee, this means that the one of the new members to be elected should be a woman the other a man. In the event of a greater number of candidatures than

vacancies, the seats shall be allocated in order of the number of votes received, subject to gender and geographical requirements. Candidates with more votes but not meeting these requirements shall be passed over in favour of the next eligible candidate.

Parliamentarians wishing to become a member 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](#). Candidatures may be submitted up to 09:00 on Thursday, 8 October 2026.

Committee on Health

On 9 October 2026, the Governing Council will elect **two members**.

Please note that, although as many of the geopolitical groups as possible should be represented on the Committee, **members of the Committee are elected in their individual capacity on the basis of their interest, expertise in the subject matter and availability to attend all Committee sessions, and not as representatives of their Parliament or geopolitical group.**

According to the Committee's Rules, no more than eight of the members should be of the same sex and as many of the geopolitical groups as possible should be represented. In light of the current composition of the Committee, at least one of the newly elected members must be a woman, and applications from underrepresented geopolitical groups, notably the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean and the Asia-Pacific Group, are encouraged.

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](#). Candidatures may be submitted up to 09:00 on Thursday, 8 October 2026.

Group of Facilitators for Cyprus

On 9 October 2026, the Governing Council will elect **two members**:

- To replace Mr. L. Wehrli (Switzerland), whose four-year term ends at the 153rd Assembly.
- To replace Mr. H. Arshakyan (Armenia), who is no longer a member of parliament.

Candidatures may be submitted up to 09:00 on Thursday, 8 October 2026.

Appointment of two Internal Auditors for the 2027 accounts

On 9 October 2026, the Governing Council will appoint **two Internal Auditors** for the 2027 fiscal year. They will be expected to present their report to the Governing Council at its first statutory session in 2028. Parliamentarians interested in submitting their candidatures for this position should preferably have prior experience in either a parliamentary finance or audit committee.

Candidatures may be submitted up to 09:00 on Thursday, 8 October 2026.

Personal information form for candidates applying to vacancies on IPU Committees and other bodies

PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FORM FOR EACH CANDIDATE - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Title of Committee or other body	
Candidate's details	
☐ Ms. ☐ Mr.	First name: Last name:
Year of birth:	
Name of Parliament:	
Country:	
☐ Member of parliament (lower chamber)	☐ Senator (upper chamber)
Experience in the area of work of the specialized body:	
Contact information <i>Candidatures will only be accepted with personal contact information.</i>	
Candidate's primary personal email address	
Candidate's secondary email address (personal assistant or parliamentary aide)	
Candidate's personal mobile number and office number (if available)	

Submit this form, a signed covering letter, a brief CV and one photo (square format, min 600x600 pixels) to postbox@ipu.org or in person during the Assembly to the Documents Control Service.