

Amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules

At its 299th session in Istanbul, Türkiye in April 2026 and its 300th session in Geneva, Switzerland in June 2026, the Executive Committee continued its discussions on potential amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules, in conclusion of a process that has run throughout the mandate of Dr. Tulia Ackson as IPU President.

The Executive Committee agreed to submit two proposals for amendments to the IPU membership.

These proposals were submitted to IPU Member Parliaments on 9 July 2026 in view of their adoption by the 153rd IPU Assembly.

In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Statutes and Rules, Member Parliaments were invited to submit any sub-amendments by the deadline of 5 September 2026.

One Member Parliament took the opportunity to provide feedback and propose sub-amendments, namely Switzerland. Details of those sub-amendments were submitted to IPU Member Parliaments on 17 September 2026.

During its sitting on 4 October 2026, the Executive Committee decided to accept the sub-amendments, thus agreeing with the delegation of Switzerland that the original proposal to introduce provision for a second emergency item should not be taken forward at this time.

This document therefore contains the final proposed amendment to the Rules of the Assembly, which formalizes the procedural adjustment adopted by the Assembly Steering Committee in 2025 banning the use of props, visual displays and audio/video recordings during interventions in the General Debate. The Assembly is invited to adopt this amendment at its closing sitting on 9 October 2026.

Amendment to Rule 23 of the Assembly

1. The President shall call a speaker to order when the latter does not keep to the subject under discussion or prejudices the debate by using abusive language. The President may, if necessary, withdraw permission to speak and may have the objectionable words struck from the record.
2. **Speakers in the General Debate are not permitted to use props, visual displays or audio/video recordings during their interventions.**