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## AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES AND RULES OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

1. The Executive Committee is proposing amendments to the Statutes which will bring clarity to the text relating to the suspension of membership. The proposals follow discussions in both Cape Town and Geneva of amendments to Articles 4 and 5 of the Statutes tabled by Mr. R. del Picchia (France).
2. Henceforth, Article 4.2 of the Statutes will refer exclusively to cases of parliaments being eligible for suspension because they have ceased to function. The separate issue of suspension of membership because of a failure to pay financial contributions would be covered in a new sub-paragraph 3 to Article 5, which concerns the payment of contributions and the consequences of failure to do so.
3. As regards the procedure to be followed at the 120<sup>th</sup> Assembly, the proposed amendment will be considered by the Governing Council in the morning of Monday, 6 April 2009. The Assembly will decide on the amendment at its closing sitting on Friday 10 April.

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### IPU Statutes

#### ARTICLE 4

**Delete the sentence** ..."or is three years in arrears in the payment of its contributions to the Union":

2. When a Member of the Union has ceased to function as such ~~or is three years in arrears in the payment of its contributions to the Union~~, the Executive Committee shall consider the situation and express an opinion to the Governing Council. The Governing Council takes a decision on the suspension of the affiliation of that Member to the Union.

#### ARTICLE 5

**Add a new sub paragraph 3** as follows:

3. When a Member of the Union is three years in arrears in the payment of its contributions to the Union, the Executive Committee shall consider the situation and express an opinion to the Governing Council. The Governing Council takes a decision on the suspension of the affiliation of that Member to the Union.