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PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

IPU Headquarters, Geneva 6 December 2018, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Draft outcome document

Members of the Committee will consider the text of the preliminary draft outcome document, as well as the amendments to it, with a view to finalising the text ahead of the start of the Conference plenary session. Once agreed, the final text will be distributed to all delegates, for adoption at the closure of the Conference.

3. Questions relating to partial rotation of the Steering Committee membership

In September 2011, the Steering Committee approved a number of principles pertaining to the organization of partial rotation of its membership. The next round of rotation being due to take place in December 2018, the Committee will be called on to consider a proposal prepared by the IPU and the European Parliament in conformity with the Rules of Procedure of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO.

4. Follow-up to the discussion on the joint proposal for improvements to the working modalities of the PCWTO and its Steering Committee

Further to the discussions held during the 42nd session of the Steering Committee, members will examine the revised text and discuss possible next steps with a view to enhancing working modalities.

5. Any other business