

*L-Speaker**The Speaker*

Mr Laurent Wehrli

Chairperson, 12+ Group

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Candidacy for Membership of the Executive Committee of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

Dear President, dear Colleagues,

I am honoured to present my candidacy, on behalf of the 12+ Group, for membership of the Executive Committee of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

The Parliament of Malta attaches great importance to the work of the IPU and its role in promoting parliamentary diplomacy, democracy, dialogue and multilateral cooperation. The Executive Committee plays a central role in this mission by overseeing the administration of the Organisation, advising the Governing Council, contributing to its work programme and budget, and ensuring the effective implementation of decisions.

I was first elected to the House of Representatives of Malta in 1996 and, following my re-election in May 2026, was elected Speaker on 20 June 2026. Throughout my parliamentary career, I have held several parliamentary and ministerial responsibilities and have been actively involved in parliamentary diplomacy through various international parliamentary organisations.

My experience as Minister for Home Affairs and National Security and subsequently as Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion provided me with extensive experience in leadership, international affairs, strategic decision-making and consensus-building. During Malta's Presidency of the Council of the European Union in 2017, I also chaired meetings at EU level.

I believe that this experience, together with my current responsibilities as Speaker, would enable me to contribute constructively to the governance and strategic direction of the IPU. If entrusted with membership of the Executive Committee, I would be honoured to place my experience at the service of the Organisation, represent the 12+ Group to the best of my



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-abilities, and work with colleagues to further strengthen the IPU as the global voice of parliaments. I am seeking support of the Twelve Plus Group not simply to occupy a position, but to contribute actively to the governance and further strengthening of the IPU.

My dossier is enclosed herewith.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Carmelo Abela".

Carmelo Abela