

Joint Interparliamentary Council

Conseil interparlementaire mixte

Minutes

Meeting No. 109 March 2, 2011

The Joint Interparliamentary Council met this day at 4:03 p.m., in room 356-S of the Centre Block, Mr. Andrew Scheer, M.P., presiding.

<u>Representing the Senate</u>: Hon. David Tkachuk, Mobina Jaffer and Carolyn Stewart Olsen, Senators.

<u>Representing the House of Commons</u>: Andrew Scheer, Harold Albrecht, Marcel Proulx, Mario Laframboise, Chris Charlton and Leon Benoit MPs.

Others present:

<u>Chairs and Co-Chairs of Parliamentary Associations</u>: Hon. Andrée Champagne, Senator, (APF); Russ Hiebert, MP, (CPA); Hon. Joseph Day, Senator and Daryl Kramp, MP, (Canada-China); Hon. Raynell Andreychuk, Senator, and Hon. Mauril Bélanger, MP, (Canada Africa); Devinder Shory, MP, (Canada-United Kingdom); and Randy Hoback, MP, (FIPA).

In attendance:

From the International and Interparliamentary Affairs Directorate:

<u>From the Senate</u>: Julie Pilon, Manager, Financial Policy, Planning and Corporate Reporting, Finance and Procurement Directorate.

<u>From the House of Commons</u>: Gilles Larocque, Senior Financial Advisor, Policy and Financial Planning.

1. Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Mr. Benoit, the minutes of the meeting of February 9, 2011 were approved.

2. Association Budgets – Presentations by Association Chairs/Co-Chairs:

Hon. Andrée Champagne, Senator, Chair of the Canadian Branch of the *Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie* (APF), presented the work and planned activities of the association, as well as their related budget request for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, and with the Association Secretary, François Michaud, answered questions from members of the JIC.

Russ Hiebert, MP, Chair of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), presented the work and planned activities of the association, as well as their related budget request for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, and answered questions from members of the JIC.

Hon. Joseph Day, Senator, and Daryl Kramp, MP, Co-Chairs of the Canada-China Legislative Association, presented the work and planned activities of the association, as well as their related budget request for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, and answered questions from members of the JIC.

Hon. Raynell Andreychuk, Senator, and Hon. Mauril Bélanger, MP, Co-Chairs of the Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association, presented the work and planned activities of the association, as well as their related budget request for the 2010 2011 fiscal year, and questions from members of the JIC.

Devinder Shory, MP, Vice-Chair of the Canada-United Kingdom Inter-Parliamentary Association, presented the work and planned activities of the association, as well as their related budget request for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, and answered questions from members of the JIC.

Randy Hoback, MP, Chair of the Canadian Section of the Inter-Parliamentary Forum of the Americas (FIPA), presented the work and planned activities of the association, as well as their related budget request for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, and answered questions from members of the JIC.

3. Other Business:

At the invitation of the Chair, the Clerk shared with the Council a supplementary budget request addressed to the JIC from the Canadian Branch of the Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie (APF) requesting additional funding related to the costs of an upcoming seminar taking place in Burkina Faso on the subject of legislation targeting violence against girls and women for the parliamentary of West and Central African countries.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Proulx, it was agreed, that the Canadian Branch of APF be allotted sufficient funds for the Senator to participate in the upcoming seminar.

At 5:35 p.m., the Council adjourned to the call of the Co-Chairs.

Eric Janse

Clerk