



# 123<sup>rd</sup> ASSEMBLY OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION AND RELATED MEETINGS

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## CONVOCATION OF THE IPU COMMITTEE ON UNITED NATIONS AFFAIRS

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Madam President,  
Mr. President,

It is our pleasure to inform you that the IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs will convene during the 123<sup>rd</sup> IPU Assembly from Monday, 4 to Wednesday, 6 October 2010.

### 1. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

#### 1. Adoption of the agenda

*The Committee will adopt its agenda in the light of most recent developments, including responses received from major UN agencies which have been invited to provide information on their work and respond to questions.*

#### 2. Outcome of the United Nations MDG Summit and the way ahead

*The Committee will hear a presentation of the outcome of the United Nations MDG Summit (September 2010) with a focus on the main lines of action and political messages for the next five years. The Committee will be invited to discuss how parliamentary engagement in the MDGs can be enhanced in the light of a new study conducted by the IPU and the UN Millennium Campaign on current parliamentary practices in support of the MDGs.*

#### 3. Parliaments and the Brussels Programme of Action (BPOA): looking towards the 4<sup>th</sup> UN Conference on Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

*The Committee will hear a key-note address by the United Nations High Representative on the LDCs, and engage in an inter-active discussion to help define the parliamentary input to the LDC Conference in June 2011 as well as the agenda of the Parliamentary Forum to be held at the Conference. The Committee will also discuss challenges and successes in the implementation of the Brussels Programme, and share lessons learnt.*

**4. Cooperation between the United Nations, parliaments and the IPU**

*The Committee will hear a presentation on progress in UN-IPU cooperation since 2005. It will examine the related 2010 Report of the UN Secretary-General, and discuss elements for a General Assembly Resolution on cooperation between the UN, parliaments and the IPU. The Committee will seek to identify and propose courses for future action.*

**5. State of play in preparations for the forthcoming session of the UN Climate Change Conference**

*In December 2010, Mexico will host this year's session of the UN Climate Change Conference (COP 16 / CMP 6). The Committee will be briefed on the current negotiations, challenges and requirements for the conclusion of a global agreement on climate policies encompassing adaptation, mitigation, finance, technology, forests and capacity-building. The Committee will also consider a possible parliamentary message to the UN Climate Change Conference.*

**6. 15-year review of progress in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action**

*The Committee will discuss progress and setbacks in meeting the commitments set forth fifteen years ago in the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. It will briefly examine recent IPU initiatives in support of gender equality and the empowerment of women, and assess how these efforts relate to the broader UN agenda. The Committee will also be briefed on UN Women, the newly established UN entity aimed at integrating and boosting overall UN efforts for gender equality. The committee will identify the expectations that the parliamentary community can have from the newly established entity— more at <http://www.unwomen.org/>*

**7. Report of the IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs to the IPU Assembly**

**8. Other business**

**2. TIMETABLE**

The Committee will meet on Monday, 4 October from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. when it will consider items 1 - 3 of its agenda, and from 2.30 to 6 p.m. when it will deal with items 4 and 5. On Wednesday, 6 October, it will convene from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to consider items 6 of the agenda, adopt its report and deal with any other business (items 7 and 8).

**3. PARTICIPATION**

All IPU Members, Associate Members and international organizations and other bodies attending the Assembly as observers are invited to participate in the work of the Committee.

**4. ADVISORY GROUP**

The Advisory Group is mandated to steer the work of the IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs. It will meet on Tuesday, 5 October from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to draft the Committee's report and discuss future action.

## 5. LANGUAGES

The Secretariat of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will provide simultaneous interpretation into and from the two official languages of the Union: English and French, as well as Arabic and Spanish, at the meetings of the Committee. Three other interpretation channels have been reserved for Chinese, Japanese and Russian.

Delegates may, exceptionally, use another language provided that they arrange for their speech to be interpreted into one of the IPU's official languages, and that copies of the speech be given to the Chief Interpreter well in advance and no later than two hours before it is to be delivered.

We look forward to fruitful discussions in the Committee and remain,

Yours sincerely,



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of the Inter-Parliamentary Union



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President  
of the Inter-Parliamentary Union