



JOURNAL¹

Monday, 17 October 2011

Time	Meeting	Place
8 a.m. – 8.45 a.m.	Steering Committee of the Assembly <i>The Steering Committee is composed of the President of the Assembly, the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Vice-President of the Executive Committee, as well as the Presidents of the Standing Committees who may take part in an advisory capacity; it is assisted by the IPU Secretary General.</i>	Congress Room 6 level 3 BERNEXPO (in camera)
9 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	Governing Council During its first sitting, the Governing Council will commence its examination of items on its agenda. The sitting will also include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Launch of the joint IPU–UNICEF <i>Handbook on Child Participation in Parliament</i>, with special guest Ms. Kirsi Madi, Deputy Regional Director for Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States, UNICEF♦ Presentation of the IPU publication <i>Gender-Sensitive Parliaments: A Global Review of Good Practice</i>	Hall 2.2 level 1 BERNEXPO
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs	Hall 2.0 level -1 BERNEXPO
9 a.m. – 10.15 a.m.	♦ Hearing with President Jorge Sampaio, United Nations High Representative for the Alliance of Civilizations (UNAoC) <i>Moderator:</i> Senator Dennis Dawson (Canada)	
10.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	♦ Panel discussion on Nuclear weapons – The road to zero <i>Moderator:</i> Hon. Harry Jenkins, Speaker of Parliament (Australia) <i>Panellists:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Gareth Evans, MP and former Foreign Minister (Australia), Co-Chair of the International Commission on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament- Mr. Tibor Tóth, Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO)- Dr. Rebecca Johnson, Executive Director, Acronym Institute for Disarmament Diplomacy- Lord Desmond Browne, former Defence Secretary (United Kingdom)- Dr. Raphael Chegeni, MP (United Rep. of Tanzania), Co-President of Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (PNND) and Secretary General of the Great Lakes Parliamentary Forum on Peace- Hon. Matt Robson, former Minister for Disarmament and Arms Control (New Zealand)	

¹ Information as of 16 October, at 6 p.m.

9.15 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians	Wankdorf & Belpmoos Rooms Novotel Hotel (1st floor) (in camera)
11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Opening of the Assembly♦ Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the 125th Assembly♦ Consideration of requests for the inclusion of an emergency item in the agenda	Hall 2.2 level 1 BERNEXPO
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Debate on the emergency item	Hall 2.2 level 1 BERNEXPO
2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs	Hall 2.0 level -1 BERNEXPO
2.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	♦ Parliaments and the Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA) for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) Keynote address by Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra, United Nations High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States	
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	♦ Cooperation between the United Nations, parliaments and the IPU Co-Chairs: Mr. Mélégué Traoré, MP (Burkina Faso) Ms. Katri Komi, MP (Finland)	

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Preview of programme for Tuesday, 18 October

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Special event on <i>Reform of the financial markets</i> <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Robert Walter, MP (United Kingdom) <i>Panellists:</i> Ambassador Oscar Knapp (Switzerland), Delegate for Trade Agreements, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs Senator Donald Oliver (Canada), Speaker pro tempore of the Senate, Member of the IPU Executive Committee Ms. Yuefen Li, Head of Debt and Development Finance Branch, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)	Hall 1.1, level 0 BERNEXPO
9 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Panel discussion on the subject to be considered by the Third Standing Committee during the 126th Assembly in April 2012 – <i>Access to health as a basic right: The role of parliaments in addressing key challenges to securing the health of women and children</i> <i>President:</i> Mr. Osei Kyei-Mensah-Bonsu (Ghana) <i>Co-Rapporteurs:</i> Ms. Salma Ataullahjan (Canada) Mr. Francisco Sardinha (India) Ms. Paula Turyahikayo (Uganda) <i>Panellists:</i> Dr. Flavia Bustreo, Assistant Director-General for Family, Women's and Children's Health, World Health Organization (WHO) Dr. Carole Presern, Director of the Partnership for	Hall 2.0, level -1 BERNEXPO

Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH)

- 2 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.** **Panel discussion on the subject to be considered by the Second Standing Committee during the 126th Assembly in April 2012 – *Redistribution of power, not just wealth: Ownership of international agendas*** **Hall 2.0, level -1
BERNEXPO**
- President:* Mr. Saleh Alhousseini (Saudi Arabia)
- Co-Rapporteurs:* Lord Judd (United Kingdom)
 Mr. Ouadia Benabdallah (Morocco)
- Panellist:* Ms. Yuefen Li, Head of Debt and Development Finance Branch, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
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- 2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.** **Panel discussion on the subject to be considered by the First Standing Committee during the 126th Assembly in April 2012 – *Promoting and practising good governance as a means of advancing peace and security: Drawing lessons from recent events in the Middle East and North Africa*** **Hall 2.2, level 1
BERNEXPO**
- President:* Mr. Saber Hossain Chowdhury (Bangladesh)
- Co-Rapporteurs:* Mr. Márton Gyöngyösi (Hungary)
 Mr. Jack Jacob Mwiimbu (Zambia)
- Panellists:* Ms. Magdy El Galad, Editor-in-Chief of the Egyptian daily newspaper *Al-Masry Al-Youm*
 Ms. Sara Sekkenes, Senior Adviser, Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
 Ms. Kareen Jabre, Manager of the Gender Partnership Programme, IPU

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OTHER INFORMATION

- ◆ **List of Delegates:** Delegations have received in their pigeonholes a **Provisional List of Delegates**. Delegations are kindly requested to collect from the Registration Desk **this afternoon** a document containing information relating to the composition of their delegation. In order to ensure the accuracy of the final List of Delegates, delegations are kindly requested to report any changes to be made, by indicating them on the above-mentioned document, which should be signed by the head of delegation and returned to Ms. Marina Filippin at the Registration Desk, **before 10 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, 18 October**. The final List of Delegates will be distributed in the pigeonholes of all delegations during Wednesday, 19 October.
- ◆ **List of Governing Council members:** Delegations which have not yet done so are requested to inform the **Submission and Control of Documents Service** (IPU Secretariat Area, Hall 1.2, level 1) of the names of their representatives on the Governing Council for the period from the 125th to the 126th Assembly.
- ◆ **Distribution of messages:** The sending of messages through the Registration and Information Desk is a service made available to delegations solely in order to facilitate communications among them on all matters related to the working of the sessions.
Delegations wishing to make known to IPU Members their point of view on **any question other than those related to the working of the sessions** may do so, under their own responsibility, by leaving documentation on tables set aside for this purpose on the first floor of BERNEXPO, behind the Plenary Hall (Hall 2.2).
- ◆ **Distribution of documents:** As usual, working documents will be available to delegates in the various meeting rooms. Delegates will also be able to obtain additional copies from the Document Distribution Service located in Hall 1.2, level 1, BERNEXPO.

- ♦ **Typing and photocopying service for delegates:** In order to facilitate the work of the delegates, a typing and photocopying service will be available from 14 to 19 October 2011. This service is located in the main lobby of BERNEXPO.
- ♦ **Results of the Assembly and related meetings:** All delegations will receive **two** printed copies of the Results of the 125th Assembly. Members of the IPU are also reminded that the **different sections** of the Brochure are accessible on the IPU website (<http://www.ipu.org>) two weeks after the close of the Assembly. In addition, a **complete electronic version** of the Results can be downloaded from the IPU website in PDF format.
- ♦ **Summary records:**
 - **Summary records of the Governing Council and those of the IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs, together with a record of the proceedings of the Standing Committees' panel discussions,** will be forwarded to all IPU Members after the closure of the Assembly. The **summary records of the Assembly** will be posted on the IPU website.

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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED DURING THE 125th ASSEMBLY

PRESIDENT OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

On 19 October 2011, the Governing Council will be required to elect **a new President** to replace Dr. T.-B. Gurirab (Namibia), whose term of office expires at the end of the 189th session of the Governing Council (cf. Article 19 of the Statutes and Rules 6, 7 and 8 of the Rules of the Governing Council).

Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae, may be submitted up to 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 18 October 2011.

To date the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. A. Radi (Morocco);
- Ms. N. Ali Assegaf (Indonesia).

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On 19 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect **seven members** to fill the following seats on the Executive Committee:

African Group	:	Three vacancies [expiry of terms of office of Ms. Z. Drif Bitat (Algeria), Mr. M.C. Nago (Benin) and Mr. T. Toga (Ethiopia)]
Asia-Pacific Group	:	Two vacancies [expiry of terms of office of Mr. Young Chin (Republic of Korea) and Mr. Ngo Quang Xuan (Viet Nam)]
Latin American Group	:	One vacancy [expiry of term of office of Ms. M.A. Saa (Chile)]
Twelve Plus Group	:	One vacancy [expiry of term of office of Mr. R. del Picchia (France)]

Members are reminded that, taking into consideration the composition of the Executive Committee and the vacancies to be filled, at least one woman should be elected on this occasion in order to respect Article 23.2 of the IPU Statutes, which states that at least three members of the Executive Committee must be women.

Candidatures from the corresponding geopolitical groups, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 18 October 2011.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. F.K. Kundi (Pakistan): candidature for the Asia-Pacific Group submitted by the Parliament of Pakistan;
- Mr. F.M. Drilon (Philippines): candidature for the Asia-Pacific Group submitted by the candidate himself;
- Ms. I. Passada (Uruguay): candidature for the Latin American Group submitted by the Parliament of Uruguay.

SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

On 19 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect:

- **One titular member** to replace Ms. R. Green (Mexico), whose term of office expires at the 189th session of the

Governing Council;

- **Three substitute members** to replace: Ms. A. Boumediene Thiery (France), who is no longer a member of parliament; Ms. E. Obeng Dappah (Ghana), whose term of office expires at the 189th session of the Governing Council; and Mr. B. Barovič (Slovenia), who was elected titular member at the 188th session of the Governing Council.

Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 18 October 2011.

To date the following candidature has been received:

- Mr. J.P. Letelier (Chile), for the post of titular member for the GRULAC region (currently substitute member).

Committee on Middle East Questions

On 19 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect:

- **Two titular members** to replace Ms. A. Clwyd (United Kingdom), whose term of office expires at the 189th session of the Governing Council, and to fill one vacancy that was not filled at the 188th session of the Governing Council;
- **One substitute member** for the vacancy that was not filled at the 188th session of the Governing Council.

Members are reminded that the Governing Council has directed that no more than four of the seven members should be of the same gender. As the Committee currently includes four male titular members, the two vacancies for titular member should be filled by women candidates.

Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 18 October 2011.

To date the following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. S.E. Rajab (Bahrain): candidature as titular member submitted by the Council of Representatives of Bahrain;
- Ms. M.A. Cristi Marfil (Chile): candidature as titular member submitted by the Chilean Inter-Parliamentary Group;
- Ms. F. Ajorlou (Islamic Rep. of Iran): candidature as titular member submitted by the Iranian Inter-Parliamentary Group.

Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

On 19 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect:

- **One substitute member** to replace Mr. A. Kurt (Turkey), who is no longer a member of parliament; the term of office is four years.

Candidatures from the corresponding geopolitical group, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 18 October 2011.

To date, no candidatures have been received.

Group of Facilitators for Cyprus

On 19 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect **one facilitator**, following the appointment of Mr. B. Rae (Canada) to senior posts within his political party and which has led to his resignation from the Group.

Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 18 October 2011.

To date, no candidatures have been received.

APPOINTMENT OF TWO INTERNAL AUDITORS FOR THE 2012 ACCOUNTS

On 19 October, the Governing Council will appoint **two Internal Auditors** for the 2012 fiscal year. They will report in spring 2013. Parliamentarians interested in submitting their candidature for this position should preferably have prior experience either in a parliamentary finance or audit committee.

Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 18 October 2011.

To date, no candidatures have been received.

**Any candidatures may be submitted to the
*** Submission and Control of Documents Service ***
IPU Secretariat Area, Hall 1.2, level 1, BERNEXPO**

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OFFICIAL RECEPTIONS

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| 1 p.m. | Luncheon in honour of women parliamentarians, hosted by Ms. Doris Stump, President of the Swiss IPU Group | Szenario Room
Allegro Hotel |
| 7 p.m. | Dinner for all delegates, hosted by Ms. Micheline Calmy-Rey, President of the Swiss Confederation | Stade de Suisse |
- ◆ Delegates are kindly requested to wear their badges and show the appropriate invitation card.

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