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CONVOCAATION OF THE 126th ASSEMBLY OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

Madam President,
Mr. President,

The 126th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will be held in Kampala (Uganda) from Saturday, 31 March to Thursday, 5 April 2012. The overall theme of the General debate will be ***Parliaments and people: Bridging the gap***. The Assembly and its related meetings will take place in the Kampala Serena Conference Centre (KSCC) and the Imperial Royale Hotel, in Kampala.

1. AGENDA

1. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the 126th Assembly
2. Consideration of requests for the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda
3. General debate on the overall theme of ***Parliaments and people: Bridging the gap***
4. 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
(*Standing Committee on Peace and International Security*)
5. Redistribution of power, not just wealth: Ownership of the international agendas
(*Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade*)
6. Access to health as a basic right: The role of parliaments in addressing key challenges to securing the health of women and children
(*Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights*)
7. Approval of the subject items for the 128th Assembly and appointment of the Rapporteurs

2. TIMETABLE

The timetable of the Assembly and related meetings is set out in [Annex 1](#). Delegates will be able to address the subject chosen for the emergency item in the General debate; the three subject items (items 4, 5 and 6) will be debated by the respective Standing Committees.

The closing sitting of the 126th Assembly will take place on Thursday, 5 April, from **4 p.m. to 6 p.m.** During this sitting, the reports of the Standing Committees will be presented by the rapporteurs and the draft resolutions submitted for adoption. Delegations are encouraged to bear this in mind when making their travel arrangements.

3. EMERGENCY ITEM

Under Assembly Rule 11 and Article 14.2 of the Statutes, any Member of the Union may request the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda, which should be accompanied by a brief explanatory memorandum and a draft resolution. If the Assembly decides to include an emergency item in its agenda, provision has been made for a drafting committee to meet and prepare a draft resolution.

4. PANEL DISCUSSIONS

On Tuesday, 3 April, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. a panel discussion will be held on *Bringing an end to malnutrition: the Role of Parliamentarians in addressing Nutrition Security*. The ongoing famine in the Horn of Africa has become the latest humanitarian disaster. More than 300,000 children are suffering from severe acute malnutrition. This is only the tip of the iceberg; 20 million children around the world are suffering from severe acute malnutrition. Poor nutrition is not only an obstacle to the fulfilment of a person's full potential, but also to that of nations. The objective of the IPU-UNICEF Panel discussion is twofold:

- 1) To inform legislators of the programmes, policies, and interventions that help tackle malnutrition in children between birth and the age of two and in pregnant women.
- 2) To facilitate an exchange of views on what [parliamentarians](#) can do to support progress. Particular attention will be paid to policies to improve mother and child nutrition; their integration into national development plans; **and** the provision of essential supplies, food and training for community workers who feed children and keep them healthy.

In the afternoon from 2.30 to 5 p.m., there will be a panel discussion on *Making the law work for the response to AIDS: Zero new infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths*. This panel discussion will address successes and challenges in making the law work for the AIDS response, illustrating how parliamentary leadership has played a critical role in moving towards the vision of *zero new infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths*. It will highlight examples of partnerships between parliamentarians and persons living with and affected by HIV, of breaking taboos, heightening understanding about HIV, and guaranteeing non-discrimination – including through the removal of HIV-related restrictions on entry, stay and residence. It will also address the role of parliamentarians in creating legal frameworks that take full advantage of trade flexibilities and expand access to life-saving medications and other HIV commodities. The panel will discuss the findings and recommendations of the Global Commission on HIV and the Law, and the opportunities for parliamentarians to advance law reform for a more effective response to the epidemic. It will further reflect on positioning parliamentarians to take forward the new vision for the AIDS response.

The format and conduct of the panel discussions will be largely informal, with focus on debate and interaction. All prepared speeches setting out formal positions are therefore discouraged. The panel discussions will be facilitated by two or more experts.

5. OTHER EVENTS

Members will receive more information in due course about other events taking place during the 126th Assembly. Additional information will be posted on the IPU website as it becomes available.

6. PARTICIPATION

Member Parliaments are encouraged to systematically include young members of parliament in their delegations to IPU Assemblies and other meetings. A separate meeting of young members of parliament will be held in the course of the Assembly.

Each IPU Member may appoint a maximum of eight delegates to the first annual session of the Assembly, or ten for parliaments of countries with a population of one hundred million inhabitants or more. Any delegation that, for three consecutive sessions of the Assembly, is composed exclusively of parliamentarians of the same sex shall, however, automatically be reduced by one person.

Please note that the number of additional MPs accompanying delegations as Advisers must not exceed two.

IPU Members whose arrears equal or exceed the amount of the contributions due from them for the preceding two full years shall not be represented by more than two delegates at meetings of the Union (Article 5.2 of the Statutes).

Associate Members may participate in the Assembly and its Standing Committees with the same rights as Members, with the exception of the right to vote and to present candidates for elective office.

International organizations and other bodies invited by the Governing Council to be represented at the Assembly as observers are entitled to send a maximum of two delegates.

7. STEERING COMMITTEE

Assembly Rule 9 states that the Steering Committee of the Assembly shall be composed of the President of the Assembly, the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Vice-President of the Executive Committee. The Presidents of the Standing Committees will be invited to take part in its work in an advisory capacity.

The Steering Committee, assisted by the IPU Secretary General, is mandated to take all appropriate measures to ensure the effective organisation and normal functioning of the Assembly proceedings.

8. MEETINGS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

In accordance with Assembly Rule 15.3 the subject items placed on the Assembly agenda by the Standing Committees (items 4, 5 and 6) will be debated by the following Committees:

Item 4: First Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

Item 5: Second Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade

Item 6: Third Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights.

The Standing Committees will meet during the 126th Assembly (see General Timetable in [Annex I](#)). They will debate the report(s) prepared by the co-Rapporteurs and adopt a draft resolution on the subject item within their purview. To assist them in this task, Standing Committees may set up drafting committees (Standing Committees Rule 15).

9. REPORTS AND DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON THE ITEMS CONSIDERED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEES

The 124th Assembly in Panama City appointed two co-Rapporteurs for each Standing Committee. These co-Rapporteurs have been entrusted with preparing a report or reports and a draft resolution on the item placed on their Committee's agenda. Members may contribute to the content of these documents by submitting comments, suggestions and amendments.

The relevant provisions of the Rules are as follows:

Assembly – Rule 17

"1. Any delegate may submit amendments relating to the draft resolutions prepared by the rapporteurs on the subject item included in the agenda approved by the Assembly. They shall be deposited with the Secretariat of the Assembly no later than 15 days before the opening of the Assembly. However, the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians shall be permitted to submit amendments incorporating a gender perspective at any time prior to the closure of the first sitting of the respective Standing Committee. This Rule shall apply to the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians at the second Assembly of the year (cf. Standing Committees, Rule 12.2).

2. Sub-amendments relating to these draft resolutions may be submitted until the Standing Committee adopts the draft resolution intended for the Assembly."

Standing Committees – Rule 12

"1. ... Members of the Union may contribute to such reports by submitting their suggestions and comments to the rapporteurs. The arrangements for the submission of such suggestions and comments shall be indicated in the convocation of the Assembly. The final report shall remain the responsibility of its authors (cf. Assembly Rule 13).

2. The rapporteurs shall also prepare a draft resolution on the subject to be debated in their Committee, which the Secretariat of the IPU shall send to the Members in advance of the session. Members may propose amendments to the draft resolution no later than 15 days before the opening of the Assembly. However, the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians shall be permitted to submit amendments which incorporate a gender perspective to the draft resolutions at any time prior to the closure of the first sitting of the respective Standing Committee. This Rule shall apply to the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians at the second Assembly of the year. The Committee will finalise the draft resolution and submit it to the Assembly for adoption (cf. Assembly Rule 17.1)."

Members are requested to take note of the following timetable for the circulation of the co-Rapporteurs' reports and draft resolutions, as well as the deadlines for the submission of amendments to the draft resolutions:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
15 December 2011	Submission of the reports and preliminary draft resolutions to all IPU Members.
3 February 2012	Deadline for the submission of amendments to the <u>preliminary</u> draft resolutions.
17 February 2012	Submission of the revised preliminary draft resolutions to all Members.
16 March 2012	Deadline for the submission of amendments to the <u>revised</u> preliminary draft resolutions, in accordance with Rule 17.1 of the Rules of the Assembly.

After this deadline, a consolidated list of all such amendments will be published on the IPU website and made available to delegates at the 126th Assembly.

Amendments to the draft resolutions should be submitted in one of the IPU official languages (English or French) and should clearly indicate:

- which paragraph they address, or whether a new paragraph is being proposed, and if so, where it should be placed in the text; and
- which parts of the text are modifications, additions or deletions.

Texts should be sent to the Secretariat by e-mail (postbox@mail.ipu.org).

Amendments

When the Assembly is called on to take a decision at its final plenary sitting on the draft resolutions prepared by the Standing Committees, the only amendments in order - apart from those of a purely editorial nature - shall be those incorporating the content of earlier proposals submitted within the statutory time-limits but not accepted by the relevant Standing Committee (cf. Assembly Rule 17.4).

10. GENERAL DEBATE (Item 3 of the agenda)

As indicated in the agenda, the overall theme of the General debate is ***Parliaments and people: Bridging the gap.***

Speaking time for the General Debate

The provisions of the Assembly Rules with regard to speaking time in the General Debate are as follows:

- **Delegations of Members and Associate Members**

Rule 22

- "1. No more than two representatives of each delegation may speak in the General Debate. For this debate, every delegation shall be entitled to 8 minutes' speaking time unless the Steering Committee decides otherwise. When two speakers from the same delegation are registered for this debate, they shall share the speaking time in the most appropriate way.
2. With a view to ensuring the normal running of the debates, the Steering Committee may alter the above speaking time to suit the circumstances.
3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 above, the President may, at the end of the corresponding sitting, give the floor briefly to a delegation wishing to exercise its right of reply."

- **Delegations of Observers**

By decision of the IPU Governing Council, the speaking time of observers will be limited to five minutes. Flexibility will be shown in the case of executive heads of organisations of the United Nations system who wish to address the IPU.

Registration of speakers for the General Debate

The procedure for registering speakers is as follows:

- **Place and time**

- Registration will take place on the Assembly premises at the speakers' registration desk. This desk will be opened 24 hours before the beginning of the first plenary of the Assembly, as of 10.15 a.m. on Saturday, 31 March 2012.
- Unless changes are announced during the Assembly, the registration service is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, 1st April 2012.

- **Pre-registration**

Members also have the option to send the names of their speaker(s) in advance to the IPU Secretariat by e-mail or fax, using the attached "Speakers pre-registration form".

Pre-registration will be considered valid once the final order of speakers has been determined by the traditional public drawing of lots at 6 p.m. on Saturday, 31 March 2012 (cf. Art. 23.2 of the Rules of the Assembly).

The following steps should be followed for the pre-registration of speakers:

1. The list of delegates should have already been received by the IPU Secretariat and the Organizing Committee of the host Parliament.
2. The speaker's pre-registration form should be completed, dated and signed by either the Speaker of Parliament, President of the Group or Leader of the delegation.
3. The form should be returned to the IPU Secretariat by fax or e-mail no later than 6 p.m. (Swiss time) on Thursday, 22 March 2012. After that date, all registrations must be made on the spot at the Assembly venue, as of 10.15 a.m., on Saturday, 31 March 2012.
4. Any delegations wishing to change the pre-registered speaker or speakers should inform the IPU Secretariat before the drawing of lots on Saturday, 31 March at 6 p.m.

- **Delegations of Members and Associate Members**

The Secretariat will record the names of delegates who wish to take the floor, distinguishing between first and second speakers from delegations of Members and Associate Members. Registration may be made in person or through another member of the delegation.

- **Delegations of observers**

- Observers are entitled to register one speaker only in plenary debates of the IPU Assembly and its Standing Committees.
- Each programme and organ of the United Nations is entitled to register one speaker.

- **List of speakers**

- At 6 p.m. on Saturday, 31 March, the Secretariat will determine the final order of speakers by a public drawing of lots. The list will be made public as soon as possible after the drawing of lots so that delegates have sufficient advance notice of when they will be called to address the Assembly.
- Speakers registering after the drawing of lots will be added to the list (in their respective categories) in the order in which they have registered, until the Assembly closes the list of speakers. A revised list containing those additions will be issued thereafter.

- Delegates may exchange their place on the list with other speakers. In order to avoid any confusion during the meeting, they are kindly requested to give advance notice of any such changes to the Secretary of the Assembly.

11. VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE ASSEMBLY

According to Rule 7.3 of the Assembly Rules, each delegation is entitled to designate one of its members as Vice-President. Some of them will be called upon to replace the President of the Assembly during a sitting or part of a sitting.

Delegations are requested to include the name of the person from their delegation who has been designated as a Vice-President of the Assembly when returning the registration form and, in any case, upon arrival at the IPU Registration Service.

12. TABLE SHOWING THE ALLOCATION OF VOTES

A provisional table showing the votes allocated to delegations at the 126th Assembly is contained in Annex II.

Members are requested to check their respective allocations and to inform the IPU Secretariat in writing of any necessary modifications, preferably in advance. The final table for the allocation of votes at the Assembly will be distributed at the opening of the session.

13. LANGUAGES

The IPU Secretariat will provide simultaneous interpretation for the two official languages of the IPU, English and French, as well as Arabic and Spanish, at the meetings of all statutory bodies.

Three other interpretation channels have been reserved for the Chinese, Japanese and Russian languages at sittings of the Assembly, Governing Council and Standing Committees.

Delegates may, exceptionally, use another language provided that they arrange for their speech to be interpreted into one or other of the IPU's official languages, and that copies of the speech be given to the Chief Interpreter (Mrs. F. Steinig-Huang) no later than two hours before it is to be delivered.

14. MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES

The following bodies will also meet during the Assembly:

- Governing Council (1 and 5 April, *public sittings*);
- Executive Committee (29, 30 March and 4 April, *in camera*);
- Sub-Committee on Finance (28 March, *in camera*);
- Meeting of Women Parliamentarians (31 March and 4 April, *public sittings*);
- Coordinating Committee of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians (31 March, 4 and 5 April, *in camera*);
- Gender Partnership Group (30 March and 4 April, *in camera*);
- Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians (31 March to 4 April, *in camera*);
- Committee on Middle East Questions (31 March and 4 April, *in camera*);
- Committee to promote respect for International Humanitarian Law (3 April, *in camera*);
- Group of Facilitators for Cyprus (2 April, *in camera*);
- Advisory Group of the IPU Committee on UN Affairs (31 March, *in camera*);
- HIV/AIDS Advisory Group (2 April, *in camera*).

The Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP) will also meet at the time of the Assembly. It will be convened by its President.

15. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE SESSION

Further information concerning the session will be provided in the Assembly Guidebook and in the "Additional information concerning the organization of the Assembly" document (distributed to delegations on registering).

Journal

Every day during the Assembly, participants will find in all meeting rooms and at the Registration and Information desk the "Journal" giving the latest updates on the programme of meetings and other important information designed to facilitate their participation in the proceedings of the session.

16. RESULTS OF THE ASSEMBLY

All Members will receive two printed copies of the *Results* of the 126th Assembly. A complete electronic version of the "Results" can be downloaded from the IPU site (www.ipu.org) two weeks after the Assembly.

17. DELEGATES' STAY IN KAMPALA

The General Information document, sent together with the invitation by the Parliament of Uganda, contains details concerning delegates' stay in Kampala, procedures for obtaining visas and the programme of receptions.

18. REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATION OF DELEGATES

Delegations are asked to note the following deadlines for the registration of delegates and for hotel reservations.

Registration of delegates

Participants are urged to adhere to the registration deadline of 31 January 2012. Please return the registration form for delegations annexed to the invitation to both the Ugandan Organizing Committee and the IPU Secretariat by that date. The addresses are as follows:

Secretariat of the Host Parliament of the
126th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union
Parliament Building
P.O. Box 7178
Kampala
Uganda

Telephone: +256 414 377 201
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Web site: www.ipu.org

Hotel reservations and visas

The hotel reservation forms annexed to the invitation from the Parliament of Uganda, which will handle all hotel reservations, must be returned to the Parliament at the above address by 31 January 2012.

The Parliament of Uganda has sole responsibility for all matters relating to delegations' accommodation, visas and travel. All communications concerning these matters should therefore be sent directly to the host Parliament.

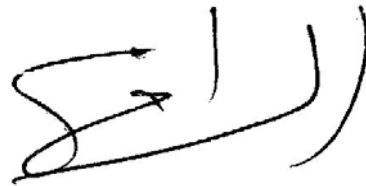
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We look forward to your Parliament's contribution to the debates that will take place in Kampala.

Yours sincerely,



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President
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TIMETABLE OF THE ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS
(Kampala, 31 March to 5 April 2012)

Date		Plenary sittings	Meeting of Women Parliamentarians / Standing Committees and other events	<i>In camera</i> sittings	ASGP Meetings
Wednesday, 28 March 2012	MORNING			10.00 - 13.00 Sub-Committee on Finance	
	AFTERNOON			15.00 - 18.00 Sub-Committee on Finance	
Thursday, 29 March 2012	MORNING			10.00 - 13.00 Executive Committee	
	AFTERNOON			15.00 - 18.00 Executive Committee	

Date		Plenary sittings	Meeting of Women Parliamentarians / Standing Committees and other events	In camera sittings	ASGP Meetings
Friday, 30 March 2012	MORNING			9.00 – 10.00 Gender Partnership Group 10.00 - 13.00 Executive Committee	
	AFTERNOON			15.00 - 17.00 Executive Committee	
Saturday, 31 March 2012	MORNING		09.30 - 13.00 Meeting of Women Parliamentarians	08.00 - 09.15 Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians 10.00 - 13.00 Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians 11.30 – 13.00 Advisory Group of the IPU Committee on UN Affairs	
	AFTERNOON		14.30 – 18.30 Meeting of Women Parliamentarians 15.30 – 16.30 Meeting of the Network of Secretaries and Advisers to delegations	15.00 - 18.00 Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians Committee on Middle East Questions	
19.30 - 20.30 ***** Inaugural Ceremony of the 126th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union ***** Munyonyo Speke Resort					

Date		Plenary sittings	Meeting of Women Parliamentarians / Standing Committees and other events	In camera sittings	ASGP Meetings
Sunday, 1 April 2012	MORNING	<p>09.00 - 10.00 Governing Council: election of the President of the Assembly, Questions relating to Members and Report on the activities of the Executive Committee</p> <p>10.15 - 13.00 Assembly: election of the President, followed by the general debate</p>	<p>09.00 - 13.00 First Standing Committee (Peace and Security): presentation of the Report(s) of the rapporteurs and of the draft resolution; debate, and possible designation of a drafting committee</p>	<p>08.00 - 09.00 Assembly Steering Committee</p>	<p>09.30 - 11.00 ASGP Executive Committee</p> <p>11.00 - 12.30 ASGP Meeting</p>
	AFTERNOON	<p>14.30 - 18.30 Assembly: General debate 16.30 consideration of requests for the inclusion of an emergency item</p>	<p>14.00 - 15.00 First Standing Committee (Peace and Security): continuation of the debate or drafting committee</p> <p>15.30 - 18.30 Third Standing Committee (Democracy and Human Rights): presentation of the Report(s) of the rapporteurs and of the draft resolution; debate</p>	<p>14.30 - 18.30 Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians</p> <p>15.30 - 18.30 First Committee: start or continuation of drafting committee</p>	<p>14.30 - 17.30 ASGP Meeting</p>
Monday, 2 April 2012	MORNING	<p>09.00 - 13.00 Assembly: continuation of the General debate</p>	<p>09.00 - 11.00 Third Standing Committee (Democracy and Human Rights): continuation of the debate and possible designation of a drafting committee</p> <p>11.30 - 13.00 Second Standing Committee (Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade): presentation of the Report(s) of the rapporteurs and of the draft resolution; debate</p>	<p>09.00 - 13.00 First Committee: continuation and end of drafting committee</p> <p>09.30 - 13.00 Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians</p> <p>Group of Facilitators for Cyprus</p>	<p>09.30 - 10.00 ASGP Executive Committee</p> <p>10.00 - 12.30 ASGP Meeting</p>

Date		Plenary sittings	Meeting of Women Parliamentarians / Standing Committees and other events	In camera sittings	ASGP Meetings
	AFTERNOON	<p>14.30 - 18.30 Assembly: continuation of the General debate</p>	<p>14.30 - 18.30 Second Standing Committee (Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade): continuation of the debate and possible designation of a drafting committee</p>	<p>14.00 – 18.00 HIV/AIDS Advisory Group</p> <p>14.30 - 18.30 Possible drafting committee on the emergency item</p> <p>Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians</p>	<p>14.30 - 17.30 ASGP Meeting</p>
Tuesday, 3 April 2012	MORNING		<p>09.30 - 12.30 Panel discussion on <i>The role parliamentarians could play in tackling malnutrition in young children</i></p>	<p>09.00 - 13.00 Second Committee: start of drafting committee</p> <p>Third Committee: start of drafting committee</p> <p>9.30 – 11.00 Meeting of the Bureau of the First Standing Committee</p> <p>09.30 - 13.00 Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians</p> <p>11.30 - 13.00 Possible drafting committee on the emergency item</p>	
	AFTERNOON		<p>14.30 - 17.00 Panel discussion on <i>Making the law work for the response to AIDS: zero new infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths</i></p> <p>15.30 - 18.30 First Standing Committee: adoption of the draft resolution</p> <p>15.30 – 17.30 Open segment of the International Humanitarian Law Committee</p>	<p>14.30 – 15.30 International Humanitarian Law Committee</p> <p>14.30 - 17.30 Third Committee: continuation and end of drafting committee</p> <p>14.30 - 18.30 Second Committee: continuation and end of drafting committee</p> <p>17.30 - 18.30 Meeting of the Bureau of the Third Standing Committee</p>	

Date		Plenary sittings	Meeting of Women Parliamentarians / Standing Committees and other events	In camera sittings	ASGP Meetings
Wednesday, 4 April 2012	MORNING	09.00 - 13.00 Assembly: continuation of the General debate	09.00 - 11.00 Third Standing Committee: adoption of the draft resolution 09.30 – 12.00 Workshop on <i>Parliamentary oversight of development finance: the case of World Bank and IMF loans (launch of the survey report)</i> (English and French only)	10.00 - 12.00 Executive Committee 11.30 – 12.30 Meeting of the Bureau of the Second Standing Committee 12.00 - 13.00 Gender Partnership Group	09.30 - 10.00 ASGP Executive Committee 10.00 - 12.30 ASGP Meeting
	AFTERNOON	14.30 - 16.30 Assembly: continuation and end of the General debate	14.00 - 15.00 Meeting of Women Parliamentarians 16.00 – 16.30 Meeting of Women Parliamentarians 16.30 – 18.30 Second Standing Committee: adoption of the draft resolution	14.00 - 17.00 Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians 15.00 - 16.00 Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians 17.00 - 19.00 Committee on Middle East Questions	14.30 - 17.30 ASGP Meeting
Thursday, 5 April 2012	MORNING	10.00 - 13.00 Governing Council (including the reports of some subsidiary bodies, such as the Human Rights Committee)	10.30 – 12.30 Meeting to discuss youth participation in politics	08.30 - 10.00 Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians	09.30 - 10.00 ASGP Executive Committee 10.00 - 12.30 ASGP Meeting
	AFTERNOON	15.00 - 16.00 Governing Council: last sitting 16.00 - 18.00 Assembly: closing session – reports of the Committees, and adoption of the resolutions and decisions Closure of the 126 th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union			14.30 - 17.30 ASGP Meeting

PROVISIONAL TABLE SHOWING THE ALLOCATION OF VOTES AT THE 126th ASSEMBLY
(According to Article 15.2 of the Statutes)

MEMBERS		Votes under (a)	Population in millions	Votes under (b)	Total number of votes
1.	Afghanistan	10	24.1	4	14
2.	Albania	10	3.0	1	11
3.	Algeria	10	33.2	5	15
4.	Andorra	10	0.08	0	10
5.	Angola	10	8.3	2	12
6.	Argentina	10	41.0	6	16
7.	Armenia	10	3.4	1	11
8.	Australia	10	21.0	4	14
9.	Austria	10	7.8	2	12
10.	Azerbaijan	10	7.3	2	12
11.	Bahrain	10	0.7	0	10
12.	Bangladesh	10	153.0	10	20
13.	Belarus	10	10.2	3	13
14.	Belgium	10	9.9	2	12
15.	Benin	10	7.6	2	12
16.	Bolivia	10	6.7	2	12
17.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	10	4.3	1	11
18.	Botswana	10	1.3	1	11
19.	Brazil	10	146.0	10	20
20.	Bulgaria	10	8.5	2	12
21.	Burkina Faso	10	10.4	3	13
22.	Burundi	10	5.2	2	12
23.	Cambodia	10	10.7	3	13
24.	Cameroon	10	12.9	3	13
25.	Canada	10	30.8	5	15
26.	Cape-Verde	10	0.3	0	10
27.	Chad	10	10.7	3	13
28.	Chile	10	15.1	3	13
29.	China	10	1,200.0	13	23
30.	Colombia	10	29.5	4	14
31.	Congo	10	1.9	1	11
32.	Costa Rica	10	3.3	1	11
33.	Côte d'Ivoire	10	15.5	3	13
34.	Croatia	10	4.8	1	11
35.	Cuba	10	10.2	3	13
36.	Cyprus	10	0.7	0	10
37.	Czech Republic	10	10.5	3	13
38.	Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	10	20.9	4	14
39.	Dem. Republic of the Congo	10	56.8	7	17
40.	Denmark	10	5.2	2	12
41.	Djibouti	10	0.79	0	10
42.	Dominican Republic	10	9.0	2	12
43.	Ecuador	10	14.0	3	13
44.	Egypt	10	64.8	8	18
45.	El Salvador	10	5.3	2	12
46.	Equatorial Guinea	10	1.0	1	11
47.	Estonia	10	1.5	1	11
48.	Ethiopia	10	67.5	8	18
49.	Federated States of Micronesia	10	0.10	0	10

MEMBERS		Votes under (a)	Population in millions	Votes under (b)	Total number of votes
50.	Finland	10	5.4	2	12
51.	France	10	58.3	7	17
52.	Gabon	10	1.0	1	11
53.	Gambia	10	1.5	1	11
54.	Georgia	10	4.7	1	11
55.	Germany	10	81.3	9	19
56.	Ghana	10	16.5	3	13
57.	Greece	10	10.2	3	13
58.	Guatemala	10	8.2	2	12
59.	Guinea-Bissau	10	1.5	1	11
60.	Honduras	10	8.1	2	12
61.	Hungary	10	10.4	3	13
62.	Iceland	10	0.31	0	10
63.	India	10	1,000.3	13	23
64.	Indonesia	10	206.0	12	22
65.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	10	60.5	8	18
66.	Iraq	10	26.7	4	14
67.	Ireland	10	4.5	1	11
68.	Israel	10	6.7	2	12
69.	Italy	10	57.0	7	17
70.	Japan	10	123.6	10	20
71.	Jordan	10	5.5	2	12
72.	Kazakhstan	10	17.0	3	13
73.	Kenya	10	24.0	4	14
74.	Kuwait	10	2.2	1	11
75.	Kyrgyzstan	10	4.5	1	11
76.	Lao People's Dem. Rep.	10	5.6	2	12
77.	Latvia	10	2.7	1	11
78.	Lebanon	10	2.4	1	11
79.	Lesotho	10	2.1	1	11
80.	Libya	10	3.9	1	11
81.	Liechtenstein	10	0.3	0	10
82.	Lithuania	10	3.9	1	11
83.	Luxembourg	10	0.4	0	10
84.	Malawi	10	13.9	3	13
85.	Malaysia	10	22.7	4	14
86.	Maldives	10	0.35	0	10
87.	Mali	10	8.0	2	12
88.	Malta	10	0.3	0	10
89.	Mauritania	10	3.1	1	11
90.	Mauritius	10	1.02	1	11
91.	Mexico	10	104.0	10	20
92.	Monaco	10	0.03	0	10
93.	Mongolia	10	2.0	1	11
94.	Montenegro	10	0.62	0	10
95.	Morocco	10	31.5	5	15
96.	Mozambique	10	12.1	3	13
97.	Namibia	10	1.5	1	11
98.	Nepal	10	22.9	4	14
99.	Netherlands	10	15.3	3	13

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100.	New Zealand	10	3.3	1	11
101.	Nicaragua	10	5.1	2	12
102.	Niger	10	16.5	3	13
103.	Nigeria	10	111.7	10	20
104.	Norway	10	4.3	1	11
105.	Oman	10	2.5	1	11
106.	Pakistan	10	160.9	11	21
107.	Palau	10	0.02	0	10
108.	Palestine	10	3.9	1	11
109.	Panama	10	1.7	1	11
110.	Papua New Guinea	10	3.0	1	11
111.	Paraguay	10	5.7	2	12
112.	Peru	10	23.0	4	14
113.	Philippines	10	62.1	8	18
114.	Poland	10	38.5	5	15
115.	Portugal	10	10.3	3	13
116.	Qatar	10	0.88	0	10
117.	Republic of Korea	10	45.5	6	16
118.	Republic of Moldova	10	4.3	1	11
119.	Romania	10	23.0	4	14
120.	Russian Federation	10	148.8	10	20
121.	Rwanda	10	6.2	2	12
122.	Samoa	10	0.17	0	10
123.	San Marino	10	0.02	0	10
124.	Sao Tome and Principe	10	0.16	0	10
125.	Saudi Arabia	10	16.9	3	13
126.	Senegal	10	7.0	2	12
127.	Serbia	10	9.7	2	12
128.	Seychelles	10	0.08	0	10
129.	Sierra Leone	10	4.9	1	11
130.	Singapore	10	5.08	2	12
131.	Slovakia	10	5.2	2	12
132.	Slovenia	10	1.9	1	11
133.	South Africa	10	40.4	6	16
134.	Spain	10	39.4	5	15
135.	Sri Lanka	10	17.0	3	13
136.	Sudan	10	33.4	5	15
137.	Suriname	10	0.4	0	10
138.	Sweden	10	8.7	2	12
139.	Switzerland	10	6.7	2	12
140.	Syrian Arab Republic	10	12.5	3	13
141.	Tajikistan	10	5.1	2	12
142.	Thailand	10	60.1	8	18
143.	The fYR of Macedonia	10	2.3	1	11
144.	Timor-Leste	10	0.92	0	10
145.	Togo	10	5.4	2	12
146.	Trinidad and Tobago	10	1.22	1	11
147.	Tunisia	10	10.2	3	13
148.	Turkey	10	64.5	8	18
149.	Uganda	10	17.0	3	13
150.	Ukraine	10	50.1	7	17

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151.	United Arab Emirates	10	2.5	1	11
152.	United Kingdom	10	60.2	8	18
153.	United Rep. of Tanzania	10	34.4	5	15
154.	Uruguay	10	3.2	1	11
155.	Venezuela	10	18.1	3	13
156.	Viet Nam	10	63.7	8	18
157.	Yemen	10	10.5	3	13
158.	Zambia	10	10.9	3	13
159.	Zimbabwe	10	10.4	3	13