

JOURNAL¹

Sunday, 21 October 2012

Time	Meeting	Place
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians	Room 205 A & B (in camera)
9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians	Room 207 (in camera)
2 p.m. – 2.45 p.m.	Meeting of Secretaries and Advisers to delegations	Room 206 A & B
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Committee on Middle East Questions	Room 205 A & B (in camera)
6.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.	<p>Inaugural Ceremony of the 127th Assembly in the presence of H.E. the Right Hon. David Johnston, Governor General of Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Delegates are requested to wear their badges and show their invitation cards. ♦ Delegates are further requested to take their seats by 6 p.m. <p>The ceremony will be followed by an exclusive performance by Cirque du Soleil and a dinner reception hosted by the Hon. Noël A. Kinsella, Speaker of the Senate of Canada, and the Hon. Andrew Scheer, Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada.</p>	Exhibit Hall 400 B Québec City Convention Centre

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¹ Information as at 20 October, at 6 p.m.

Preview of main programme for Monday, 22 October

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Governing Council Membership; reports; finance; presentation of the budget	Room 200 C
9 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Panel discussion <i>The use of media, including social media, to enhance citizen engagement and democracy</i> (subject under consideration by the Third Standing Committee)	Room 200 B
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Assembly - Opening sitting ♦ Keynote address by the Hon. John Baird, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and start of Special Debate on <i>Citizenship, identity and linguistic and cultural diversity in a globalized world</i>	Room 200 C
12 noon	♦ Consideration of requests for the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda	
2.30 – 6.30 p.m.	Assembly ♦ Debate on the emergency item	Room 200 C
2.30 – 6 p.m.	IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs (open to all delegations) Roundtable discussion on <i>Multilateralism and the role of parliamentary diplomacy</i> , with the participation of heads of regional parliamentary organizations	Room 205 A & B
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Meeting of Young Parliamentarians	Room 204 A & B

OTHER EVENTS

Tuesday, 23 October 2012

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Assembly – Special debate ♦ Sitting introduced by Mr. Hendrik van der Pol, Director of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics, and Ms. Joyce Adeline Bamford-Addo, Speaker of the Parliament of Ghana	Room 200 C
2.30 – 6 p.m.	♦ Sitting introduced by Ms. Gabriela Montaña, President of the Bolivian Chamber of Senators, and Mr. Tau Henare, Chairman of the Committee on Maori Affairs, House of Representatives of New Zealand	
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Special Gender Partnership Session (continued on 25 and 26 October) Both men and women parliamentarians are strongly encouraged to attend the Special Session.	Room 200 B
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Informal meeting of parliamentary whips	Room 205 A & B

Wednesday, 24 October 2012

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Special session observing United Nations Day ♦ Debate: <i>Does the UN take democracy seriously enough?</i> ♦ Launch of the handbook <i>Supporting nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament</i>	Room 200 C
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Thursday, 25 October 2012

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Assembly – Special debate

Room 200 C

- ♦ Sitting introduced by Mr. Knut Vollebaek, High Commissioner OSCE on National Minorities (Netherlands), Grand Chief Edward John, Chairman, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (Canada), and Ms. Meira Kumar, Speaker of the Lok Sabha of India

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OTHER INFORMATION

- ♦ **Special debate:** Registration of speakers will be open as from **11 a.m. today, Sunday, 21 October**. Speakers who have not pre-registered may do so at the Registration desk which is located close to Room 200 C.
- ♦ **Drafting Committee on the emergency item:** Geopolitical groups are kindly requested to nominate their representatives by 5 p.m. on Monday, 22 October.
- ♦ **Quebec City Declaration:**
 - Delegations wishing to propose amendments to the draft are kindly requested to submit them to the Submission and Control of Documents Service (Office 303) by noon on Wednesday, 24 October;
 - Geopolitical groups are kindly requested to submit the names of their representatives in the drafting committee on the draft Declaration by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 24 October.

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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED DURING THE 127th ASSEMBLY

For all vacancies, 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, 23 October 2012, to the Submission and Control of Documents Service (Office 303). See [Vacancies](#) document for further details.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On 24 October 2012, the Governing Council will be required to elect **two members** (Latin American Group and Eurasia Group).

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

Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

On 24 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect **two substitute members** (African Group and Twelve Plus Group).

Committee on Middle East Questions

On 24 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect **three titular members and one substitute member**. According to the gender guidelines governing the composition of the Committee on Middle East Questions, the three titular members cannot all be of the same gender. The substitute member should be a woman parliamentarian.

Moreover, the members shall be elected on the basis of their interest and expertise in the subject matter and of their availability to attend all sessions.

Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

On 24 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect **three titular members** (Arab Group, Eurasia Group and Latin America and Caribbean Group) and **two substitute members** (Arab Group and Asia-Pacific Group).

To date, the following candidature has been received:

- Mr. P. Phalusuk (Thailand), candidature as substitute member submitted by the Thai IPU Group.

APPOINTMENT OF TWO INTERNAL AUDITORS FOR THE 2013 ACCOUNTS

On 24 October, the Governing Council will appoint **two Internal Auditors** for the 2013 fiscal year. They will report in spring 2014. Parliamentarians interested in submitting their candidature for this position should preferably have prior experience either in a parliamentary finance or audit committee.

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