

JOURNAL¹

Monday, 22 October 2012

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>	Room 205 A & B <i>(in camera)</i>
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Governing Council Membership; reports; finance; presentation of 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 (subject under consideration by the Third Standing Committee)</i>	Room 200 B
9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians	Room 207 <i>(in camera)</i>
11 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 127th Assembly ◆ Keynote address by the Hon. John Baird, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada, and start of Special Debate on <i>Citizenship, identity and linguistic and cultural diversity in a globalized world</i> 	Room 200 C
12 noon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Consideration of requests for the inclusion of an emergency item in the agenda 	

¹ Information as at 21 October, at 6 p.m.

- 2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. Assembly** **Room 200 C**
♦ Debate on the emergency item
- 2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m. IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs** **Room 205 A & B**
(open to all delegations)
Roundtable discussion on *Multilateralism and the role of parliamentary diplomacy*, with the participation of heads of regional parliamentary organizations
- 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. Meeting of Young Parliamentarians** **Room 204 A & B**

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Preview of main programme for Tuesday, 23 October

- 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. **Assembly – Special Debate on *Citizenship, identity and linguistic and cultural diversity in a globalized world*** Room 200 C
♦ 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
- 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. **Special Gender Partnership Session** Room 200 B
Gender-sensitive parliaments
Both men and women parliamentarians are strongly encouraged to attend the Special Session.
- 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. **Drafting Committee on the emergency item** Room 205 A & B
(in camera)
Geopolitical groups are encouraged to nominate their representatives in the Drafting Committee by 5 p.m. today, Monday, 22 October.
- 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. **Informal meeting of parliamentary whips** Room 205 A & B
- 2.30 – 6 p.m. **Assembly – Special Debate on *Citizenship, identity and linguistic and cultural diversity in a globalized world*** Room 200 C
♦ 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
- 2.30 – 6 p.m. **Panel discussion** Room 200 B
Enforcing the responsibility to protect: The role of parliament in safeguarding civilians' lives (subject under discussion by the First Standing Committee)

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OTHER EVENTS

Wednesday, 24 October 2012

- 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. **Special plenary session observing United Nations Day** Room 200 C
- ♦ Debate: *Does the UN take democracy seriously enough?*
 - ♦ Launch of the handbook *Supporting nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament*

Thursday, 25 October 2012

- 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. **Assembly – Special debate** Room 200 C
- ♦ Sitting introduced by Mr. Knut Vollebaek, OSCE High Commissioner 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
- 2.30 a.m. – **Special Gender Partnership Session** (cont'd) Rooms 205 A & B
5.p.m. (concludes on 26 October) 206 A & B
 Break-out groups and 207
- Both men and women parliamentarians are strongly encouraged to attend the Special Session.

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OTHER INFORMATION

- ♦ **Special debate:** Speakers who have not yet registered may do so at the Speakers' registration desk which is located close to Room 200 C.
- ♦ **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 B) 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 B). See [Vacancies](#) document for further details.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On 24 October 2012, the Governing Council will be required to elect **two members** (Eurasia Group and Latin America and Caribbean 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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OFFICIAL RECEPTIONS

Evening reserved for Embassies and other Diplomatic Missions

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