



# JOURNAL<sup>1</sup>

## Monday, 25 March 2013

Time	Meeting	Place <sup>2</sup>
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	<b>Meeting of the Bureau of the First Standing Committee</b> <i>Authors of proposals for subject items for the Committee will have the opportunity to make a brief (3- to 4-minute) presentation before the Bureau members at the start of the meeting.</i>	Salón Lasso (in camera)
9 a.m. – 12 noon	<b>Panel discussion</b> <b><i>The legalization of drugs: Can it help curb organized crime?</i></b> Panellists:– Ms. Farkhunda Zahra, MP (Afghanistan) – Ms. Marija Obradović, MP (Serbia) – Mr. Julio Calzada, Secretary General of the National Drugs Bureau (Uruguay) – Mr. Erik de la Reguera, journalist Moderator: Lord Dholakia, MP (United Kingdom)	Salón Landáburu
9 a.m. – 1 p.m. 2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	<b>Drafting Committee – Item 6</b> <b>(Third Standing Committee – Democracy and Human Rights)</b> <b>Item 6:</b> The use of media, including social media, to enhance citizen engagement and democracy	Salón Carrión (in camera)
9 a.m. – 1 p.m. 4 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	<b>Drafting committee on the emergency item (Item 9)</b> <b>The role of parliaments in addressing the security and humanitarian impact of the crisis in Syria and in bringing pressure to bear on their governments to assume their international and humanitarian responsibility towards Syrian refugees and to support the neighbouring countries that receive them</b> ♦ Composition: China, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, France, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Mexico, Morocco, Turkey, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia	Salón Montufar (in camera)
9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	<b>Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians</b>	Salón Jiménez (in camera)

<sup>1</sup> Information as at 24 March, at 6 p.m.

<sup>2</sup> Unless indicated otherwise, all meeting rooms are situated on level -2.

11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Open session of the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians</b> <b><i>Promoting greater parliamentary solidarity with MPs under threat</i></b> Panellists:– Mr. Juan Pablo Letelier, MP (Chile), Vice-President of the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians – Ms. Petra Ernstberger, MP (Germany) – a member of the delegation of Burundi	Salón Jiménez
2.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	<b>Committee to promote respect for international humanitarian law</b>	Salón Montufar <i>(in camera)</i>
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	<b>Panel discussion</b> <b><i>Addressing the rights of children with disabilities</i></b> Panellists:– Ms. Susana Sottoli, Associate Director of Programmes, UNICEF – Mr. Xavier Torres, Deputy Director, National Council for Disability Equality (Ecuador) – Mr. Boukary Savadogo, Director of <i>Solidarité nationale</i> , (Burkina Faso) Moderator: Mr. Ian Liddell-Grainger, MP (United Kingdom)	Salón Landáburo
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	<b>First Standing Committee</b> <b>Item 4:</b> Enforcing the responsibility to protect: The role of parliament in safeguarding civilians' lives – Consideration of the draft resolution in plenary	Salón Condamine
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.	<b>Second Standing Committee</b> <b>Item 5 :</b> Fair trade and innovative financing mechanisms for sustainable development – Adoption of draft resolution	Salones Humboldt & Darwin
4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	<b>Meeting of the Bureau of the Third Standing Committee</b> <i>Authors of proposals for subject items for the Committee will have the opportunity to make a brief (3- to 4-minute) presentation before the Bureau members at the start of the meeting.</i>	Salón Carrion <i>(in camera)</i>

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### Preview of main programme for Tuesday, 26 March

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	<b>First Standing Committee</b> Finalization of the draft resolution	Salón Condamine
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Assembly</b> Continuation and end of general debate ♦ Presentation by, and interaction with, Ms. Rebeca Grynspar, Deputy Administrator of UNDP	Salones Humboldt & Darwin
10 a.m. – 12 noon	<b>Executive Committee</b>	Salón Montufar <i>(in camera)</i>

10 a.m. – 12 noon	<b>Advisory Group of the IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs</b>	Salón Landáburu ( <i>in camera</i> )
11.15 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Third Standing Committee</b> Adoption of the draft resolution	Salón Condamine
12 noon – 1 p.m.	<b>Gender Partnership Group</b>	Salón Montufar ( <i>in camera</i> )
1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	<b>Launch of Spanish version of the IPU-PNND Handbook <i>Promoting Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament</i></b>	Salón Flores ( <u>Spanish only</u> )
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	<b>Workshop on <i>Ensuring accountability for women's and children's health</i></b>	Salón Landáburu
2 p.m. – 5 p.m.	<b>Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians</b>	Salón Jiménez ( <i>in camera</i> )
2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	<b>Governing Council</b> Implementation of IPU strategy; financial results; cooperation with the United Nations	Salones Humboldt & Darwin
2.30 p.m. – 5 p.m.	<b>Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians</b>	Salón Montufar ( <i>in camera</i> )
4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	<b>First Standing Committee</b> Adoption of the draft resolution	Salón Condamine
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.	<b>Committee on Middle East Questions</b>	Salón Montufar ( <i>in camera</i> )

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## OTHER EVENTS

### Wednesday, 27 March 2013

9.30 a.m. – 12 noon	<b>Workshop on <i>Towards a new vision for sustainable development: What place for democratic governance?</i></b>	Salón Landáburu
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## OTHER INFORMATION

- ♦ **The First Standing Committee** will be discussing the draft resolution in its plenary session.
- ♦ Due to limited seating arrangements, delegates will be invited to pick up their country nameplates upon arrival in the Standing Committee room.
- ♦ **List of delegates:** The final List of Delegates will be made available on the IPU website.

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## VACANCIES TO BE FILLED DURING THE 128<sup>th</sup> ASSEMBLY

Candidatures – for most vacancies from the corresponding geopolitical groups – should be accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one-page maximum) and, unless indicated otherwise, may be submitted to the Submission and Control of Documents Service (office 10, IPU Secretariat area, Business Centre, level -1). See [Vacancies](#) document for further details.

### COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

#### Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

On 27 March 2013, the Governing Council will be required to elect **one substitute member** (Asia-Pacific Group).

*To date, the following candidature has been received:*

– Mr. A. Mahloof (Maldives): candidature submitted by the candidate himself.

### Committee on Middle East Questions

On 27 March 2013, the Governing Council will be required to elect **one titular member** and **one substitute member**. According to the gender guidelines governing the composition of the Committee on Middle East Questions, no more than four of the seven members shall be of the same sex and as many of the geopolitical groups as possible shall be represented on the Committee. As such, the vacancy for substitute member will need to be filled by a woman parliamentarian.

*To date, the following candidature has been received:*

– Ms. M. Mensah-Williams (Namibia): candidature as substitute member submitted by the African Group.

### Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

On 27 March 2013, the Governing Council will be required to elect **two titular members** (Arab Group and Eurasia Group) **and two substitute members** (Arab Group and Eurasia Group).

### **STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX**

Apart from the vacancies indicated, all present members of the Bureaux are eligible for re-election.

#### First Standing Committee (Peace and International Security)

**Two vacancies:** One titular member and one substitute member (Eurasia Group).

*Candidatures for the above vacancies may be submitted up to the time of the elections, which will take place on Tuesday, 26 March 2013, at the last sitting of the Committee.*

#### Second Standing Committee (Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade)

**Three vacancies:** Two titular members (Arab Group and Twelve Plus Group) and one substitute member (Eurasia Group).

*Candidatures for the above vacancies may be submitted up to the time of the elections, which will take place on Monday, 25 March 2013, at the last sitting of the Committee.*

*To date, the following candidatures have been received:*

- Mr. R. León (Chile): candidature as titular member and first vice-president submitted by GRULAC;
- Mr. F.-X. de Donnea (Belgium): candidature as titular member submitted by the Twelve Plus Group;
- Ms. M. Obradović (Serbia): candidature as substitute member submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

#### Third Standing Committee (Democracy and Human Rights)

**Five vacancies:** Two titular members (Twelve-Plus Group and Asia-Pacific Group) and three substitute members (Eurasia Group, GRULAC and Twelve-Plus Group).

*Candidatures for the above vacancies may be submitted up to the time of the elections, which will take place on Tuesday, 26 March 2013, at the last sitting of the Committee.*

*To date, the following candidatures have been received:*

- Mr. C. Janiak (Switzerland): candidature as titular member submitted by the Twelve Plus Group;
- Ms. G. Ortíz (Mexico): candidature as substitute member submitted by GRULAC;
- Ms. L. Wall (New Zealand): candidature as substitute member submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

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## OFFICIAL RECEPTIONS

**Evening reserved for Embassy receptions**

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The IPU is encouraging members to become involved in the consultations on a new development agenda and ensure that democratic governance is an integral part of that agenda.

Make your voice heard through the “MY World” survey at [www.myworld2015.org/?partner=mp](http://www.myworld2015.org/?partner=mp).



Members of the IPU Secretariat will be approaching delegates during the Assembly to gather views on the future IPU website, as well as to seek responses on various ongoing surveys. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.