



JOURNAL¹
Wednesday, 9 October 2013

Time	Meeting	Place
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Governing Council At this sitting, the Governing Council will continue its consideration of the items remaining on its agenda, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Continuation of debate on, and adoption of, the programme and budget for 2014– Reports and resolutions of the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians– Election of five members to the Executive Committee	Room 1 level 1, CICC
10 a.m.	♦ Special debate on the humanitarian impact of the Syrian crisis, with the participation of Mr. António Guterres, UN High Commissioner for Refugees	
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs Item 6: Promoting international commitments and defending the rights of vulnerable groups <i>Moderator:</i> Ambassador Luis Gallegos (Ecuador)	Room A* CCV Annexe, CICC
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	♦ Session 1: Indigenous peoples <i>Panellists:</i> – Mr. Alexey Tsykarev, Member of the UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples – Ms. Manon Schick, Amnesty International – Mr. Tau Henare, MP (New Zealand) – Mr. David Sánchez Heredia, MP (Bolivia)	
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	♦ Session 2: Persons with disabilities <i>Panellists:</i> – Ms. Hendrietta Bogopane, MP, Deputy Minister for Women, Children and Persons with Disability (South Africa) – Ms. Victoria Lee, International Disability Alliance – Mr. Mirko Tomassoni, MP (San Marino)	
	Item 7: Adoption of the Committee's report	

* **Please note that seating capacity is limited and therefore only one seat is available per delegation at the conference table. Additional seats are available along the walls of the room.**

¹ Information as at 8 October, at 6 p.m.

1 p.m.–1.30 p.m. Meeting of the Executive Committee, followed by a working lunch for outgoing and incoming members of the Executive Committee to consider a number of organizational questions

**Room 18
level -1, CICC
(in camera)**

2.30 p.m. – 4 p.m. Governing Council

**Room 1
level 1, CICC**

- ◆ **Address by Ms. Navanethem Pillay, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, followed by open debate**

At this sitting, the Governing Council will complete its consideration of the items remaining on its agenda, including approval of the amendments to the Statutes and Rules of the IPU.

It will hold the following elections:

- Election of one titular member and four substitute members to the Committee on Middle East Questions
- Election of one substitute member to the Committee to promote international humanitarian law
- Appointment of an Internal Auditor for the 2014 accounts

4 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. Assembly

**Room 1
level 1, CICC**

- ◆ **Item 4:** Report of the IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs
- ◆ **Item 5:** Amendments to the Statutes and Rules of the IPU
- ◆ **Item 6 (emergency item):** Adoption of the draft resolution submitted by the drafting committee:
"The role of parliaments in supervising the destruction of chemical weapons and the ban on their use"
Rapporteur: Ms. Maria Lohela (Finland)
- ◆ **Closure of the Assembly**

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OTHER INFORMATION

Delegates attending the post-Assembly meetings being held at the CICC on 10 October and at IPU Headquarters on 10 to 12 October are kindly requested to keep their badges.

Introducing new online registration software: Delegates are encouraged to visit the Press Service in the main lobby (ground floor, CICC) between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. today, Wednesday, for an introduction to new software enabling delegates to register online for future IPU meetings.

- ◆ **List of delegates:** The final List of Delegates will be made available on the IPU website (<http://www.ipu.org>).
- ◆ **Results of the 129th Assembly and related meetings:** All delegations will receive two printed copies of the Results of the Assembly. Members of the IPU are also reminded that the different sections of the Brochure will be accessible from the IPU website (<http://www.ipu.org>) two weeks after the close of the Assembly. In addition, a complete electronic version of the Results may be downloaded from the IPU website in PDF format.
- ◆ **Summary records of the Governing Council, those of the Assembly and the IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs, together with a record of the proceedings of the Standing Committees' panel discussions,** will be posted on the IPU website within three months of the closure of the Assembly.

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MEDIA INFORMATION

- ◆ The 129th Assembly is being webcast live on www.ipu.org.



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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED DURING THE 129th ASSEMBLY

On 9 October 2013, the Governing Council will be required to hold elections as outlined below. See [Vacancies](#) document for further details.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Governing Council will be required to elect **five members**: Asia-Pacific Group (two vacancies), Eurasia Group (one vacancy) and Twelve-Plus Group (two vacancies).

The following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. M. Raza Rabbani (Pakistan): candidature submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group;
- Mr. P. Tanbanjong (Thailand): candidature submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group;
- Mr. V. Senko (Belarus): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group;
- Mr. K. Dijkhoff (Netherlands): candidature submitted by the Twelve-Plus Group;
- Mr. R. Walter (United Kingdom): candidature submitted by the Twelve-Plus Group.

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

Committee on Middle East Questions

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one titular member** and **four substitute members**. According to the gender guidelines governing the composition of the Committee, no more than four of the seven members shall be of the same gender and as many of the geopolitical groups as possible shall be represented on the Committee. As such, the vacancy for titular member will need to be filled by a male parliamentarian and the four substitute vacancies by parliamentarians, both female and male.

The following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. H. Franken (Netherlands): candidature as titular member submitted by the Twelve-Plus Group;
- Mr. G. Farina (Italy): candidature as substitute member submitted by the Twelve-Plus Group;
- Ms. C. Guittet (France): candidature as substitute member submitted by the Twelve-Plus Group;
- Mr. M. Shehrit (Israel): candidature as substitute member submitted by the Twelve-Plus Group.

Committee to promote respect for international humanitarian law

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one substitute member** (Eurasia Group).

No candidatures have been received.

APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR THE 2014 ACCOUNTS

The Governing Council will appoint an **Internal Auditor** for the 2014 fiscal year to prepare and present a report to the Governing Council at the first statutory session of the IPU in 2015. Parliamentarians interested in submitting their candidature for this position should preferably have prior experience either in a parliamentary finance or audit committee.

The following candidature has been received:

– *Mr. K. Örnfjäder (Sweden): candidature submitted by the Twelve-Plus Group.*

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