



129th ASSEMBLY OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION AND RELATED MEETINGS

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CONVOCATION OF THE IPU COMMITTEE ON UNITED NATIONS AFFAIRS

Madam President,
Mr. President,

It is our pleasure to inform you that the IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs will convene during the 129th IPU Assembly from Monday, 7 to Wednesday, 9 October 2013.

1. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Interaction between national parliaments and UN country teams
3. Follow-up of the 2011 Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries
4. Implications of and action on the recently adopted Arms Trade Treaty
5. Implementing UN Security Council resolution 1540 (Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction)
6. Promoting international commitments and defending the rights of vulnerable groups (focus on indigenous peoples and persons with disabilities)
7. Report of the IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs to the Assembly
8. Other business

2. TIMETABLE

The Committee will meet on Monday, 7 October from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., when it will consider items 1, 2 and 3 of its agenda, and from 2.30 to 6.30 p.m., when it will deal with items 4 and 5. On Wednesday, 9 October, it will convene from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to consider item 6 of the agenda, adopt its report and deal with any other business.

3. PARTICIPATION

All IPU Members, Associate Members and international organizations and other bodies attending the Assembly as observers are invited to participate in the work of the Committee.

As decided by the governing bodies of the IPU at its previous Assembly in Quito (March 2013), the IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs will be transformed into the fourth IPU Standing Committee, and meet on the occasion of each IPU Assembly. In the process, the Committee on UN Affairs will maintain its unique mandate to give direction to the evolving relationship between the United Nations and the IPU and to assist in the elaboration of parliamentary input to major UN processes.

As such, all Member Parliaments are kindly encouraged to plan for members of their delegation to attend the sessions of the Committee on UN Affairs and participate actively therein. To facilitate preparations, concept notes for the various Committee sessions will be made available on the Assembly webpage at: <http://www.ipu.org/conf-e/129agnd.htm>

4. ADVISORY GROUP

The Advisory Group is mandated to steer the work of the IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs. It will meet on Tuesday, 8 October from 5 to 6.30 p.m. to draft the Committee's report and discuss future action.

5. LANGUAGES

The Secretariat of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will provide simultaneous interpretation into and from the two official languages of the Organization: English and French, as well as Arabic and Spanish, at the meetings of the Committee. Three other interpretation channels have been reserved for Chinese, Japanese and Russian.

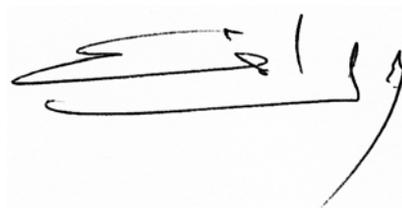
Delegates may, exceptionally, use another language provided that they arrange for their speech to be interpreted into one of the IPU's official languages, and for copies of the speech to be given to the Chief Interpreter well in advance and no later than two hours before it is to be delivered.

We look forward to fruitful discussions in the Committee and remain,

Yours sincerely,



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of the Inter-Parliamentary Union



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