



130th ASSEMBLY OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION AND RELATED MEETINGS

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CONVOCATION OF THE 130th ASSEMBLY OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

Madam President,
Mr. President,

It is our pleasure to inform you that the 130th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and related meetings will be held at the Centre international de Conférences de Genève (CICG), Geneva (Switzerland), from Sunday 16 to Thursday, 20 March 2014.

The Assembly will be a particularly significant one, as it will provide an opportunity for all Member Parliaments to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

AGENDA

1. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the 130th Assembly
2. Consideration of requests for the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda
3. General debate on IPU at 125: Renewing our commitment to peace and democracy
4. Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: The contribution of parliaments
(Standing Committee on Peace and International Security)
5. Towards risk-resilient development: Taking into consideration demographic trends and natural constraints
(Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade)
6. The role of parliaments in protecting the rights of children, in particular unaccompanied migrant children, and in preventing their exploitation in situations of war and conflict
(Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights)
7. Report of the Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs
8. Approval of the subject items to be taken up by the Standing Committees and appointment of the Rapporteurs

TIMETABLE

The Timetable of the Assembly and related meetings is set out in [Annex 1](#).

The Governing Council will convene on 17 and 20 March. It will consider and take decisions on a host of matters relating to the functioning and activities of the IPU. The members of the Governing Council will also elect the new IPU Secretary General, through a secret ballot on Thursday, 20 March 2014. The Assembly, in turn, will adopt resolutions on the emergency item chosen for the Assembly, as well as on the subject items considered by the Standing Committees. It is expected that the Assembly will conclude its business by 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, 20 March.

EMERGENCY ITEM

According to Assembly Rule 11.1 and Article 14.2 of the Statutes, any Member of the IPU may request the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda. If the Assembly so decides, the emergency item will be debated by the Assembly in the afternoon of Tuesday, 18 March 2014. Provision has also been made on the following day for a drafting committee to meet in order to prepare a draft resolution.

PARTICIPATION

IPU Members may appoint a maximum of eight delegates, or 10 for parliaments of countries with a population of 100 million inhabitants or more. Please note that the number of additional MPs accompanying delegations as Advisers must not exceed two.

Any delegation which, for three consecutive sessions of the Assembly, is composed exclusively of parliamentarians of the same sex, shall automatically be reduced by one person. All Member Parliaments are encouraged to strive for gender parity in the composition of their delegations.

Member Parliaments are also encouraged to include young members of parliament in their delegation. The first formal session of the new Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU will be held on the first day of the Assembly (17 March), with a view to feeding the input of the young MPs into the deliberations and decisions of the Assembly.

IPU Members whose arrears equal or exceed the amount of the contributions due from them for the preceding two full years shall not be represented by more than two delegates at meetings of the IPU (Article 5.2 of the Statutes).

Associate Members may participate in the Assembly and its Standing Committees with the same rights as Members, with the exception of the right to vote and to present candidates for elective office.

International organizations and other bodies invited by the Governing Council to be represented at the Assembly as Observers are entitled to send a maximum of two delegates.

Delegates are kindly requested to take note of the fact that the Plenary Hall, where the meetings of the Assembly and Governing Council are held, has a total seating capacity of 700 seats. Depending on actual attendance at the 130th Assembly, the Secretariat will endeavour to allocate adequate seats for all delegations. However, should this not be possible, each delegation will be allocated a sufficient number of seats required for a possible vote by the Assembly or Council.

STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee of the Assembly is composed of the President of the Assembly, the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Vice-President of the Executive Committee. The Presidents of the Standing Committees may take part in its work in an advisory capacity.

The Steering Committee, assisted by the IPU Secretary General, is mandated to take all appropriate measures to ensure the effective organization and smooth running of the Assembly proceedings. The first sitting of the Steering Committee is scheduled for 17 March 2014, early morning.

VACANCIES TO BE FILLED DURING THE 130th ASSEMBLY

Following the amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules adopted by the IPU governing bodies during the 129th IPU Assembly (Geneva, October 2013), it has been decided that all four IPU Standing Committees will be guided in their work by Bureaux composed of three members from each geopolitical Group. A list of vacancies for these four Bureaux is attached ([Annex 3](#)).

All Members are encouraged to submit candidatures of MPs who are competent in the respective fields, interested in and available to participate in the work of the new Bureaux, and who will be assisted in their work by their respective parliaments. Candidatures should be submitted by Members to their respective geopolitical groups, with copy to the IPU Secretariat, **well in advance** of the start of the 130th IPU Assembly, preferably by 2 March 2014.

Elections to the new Bureaux will be held at the first sitting of each of the four Standing Committees. The Standing Committee Bureaux will then meet in their new configuration, to discuss proposals for agenda items and to develop detailed work plans for their respective Committee.

An updated list of vacancies for the other IPU bodies will be circulated to Members six weeks ahead of the Assembly.

PREPARATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS AND SELECTION OF AGENDA ITEMS

The provisional calendar for the preparation of draft resolutions by the Standing Committees is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
20 November 2013	Deadline for submission of written input by Member Parliaments. These inputs will be made available to the co-Rapporteurs to assist them in drafting the resolutions.
17 January 2014	Co-Rapporteurs submit a draft resolution and explanatory memorandum to the IPU Secretariat.
31 January 2014	IPU Secretariat distributes the draft resolutions and explanatory memoranda to Member Parliaments in English and French.
2 March 2014	Deadline for proposed amendments to the draft resolutions by Member Parliaments.
17-20 March 2014	During the 130 th IPU Assembly, Standing Committees meet to debate and adopt the draft resolutions.
20 March 2014	Adoption by the Assembly of the Standing Committee resolutions.

Also in accordance with the amended Rules of the Standing Committees, proposals for subject items to be taken up by Standing Committees need to be submitted no later than 15 days before the opening of the Assembly preceding the one where the subject will be discussed. As such, Members are encouraged to submit to the IPU Secretariat by 2 March at the latest their proposals for subject items to be taken up by the Standing Committees.

GENERAL DEBATE (Item 3 of the agenda)

As indicated in the agenda, the overall theme of the General Debate is IPU at 125: Renewing our commitment to peace and democracy.

In accordance with the Assembly Rules, every delegation shall be entitled to eight minutes' speaking time unless the Steering Committee decides otherwise. When two speakers from the same delegation are registered for the Debate, speaking time will be shared as appropriate.

By decision of the IPU Governing Council, the speaking time of Observers will be limited to five minutes. Flexibility will be shown in the case of executive heads of organizations within the United Nations system who wish to address the IPU.

Registration will take place at the speakers' registration desk, situated just outside the main entrance to the Plenary Hall (Room 1) on the first floor of the CICG. This desk will open 24 hours before the beginning of the first plenary of the Assembly, on Sunday, 16 March at 11 a.m.

Members also have the option of either sending the names of their speaker(s) in advance to the IPU Secretariat by e-mail or fax, using the attached "Speakers pre-registration form" (Annex 6).

Pre-registration will be considered valid once the final order of speakers has been determined by the traditional public drawing of lots at 6 p.m. on Sunday, 16 March 2014 (cf. Art. 23.2 of the Rules of the Assembly).

VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE ASSEMBLY

According to Rule 7.3 of the Assembly Rules, all parliamentary delegations are entitled to designate one of its members as a Vice-President of the Assembly. Some of them will be called upon to replace the President of the Assembly during a sitting or part of a sitting.

Upon arrival at the IPU Registration Desk in Geneva, delegations are invited to indicate the name of the parliamentarian from their delegation nominated as a Vice-President of the Assembly.

TABLE SHOWING THE ALLOCATION OF VOTES

A provisional table showing the votes allocated to delegations to the 130th Assembly is contained in Annex 2.

Members are kindly requested to check the figures concerning them and, if necessary, inform the IPU Secretariat in Geneva in writing of any modifications required, preferably ahead of the session. The final table showing the allocation of votes at the Assembly will be distributed at the opening of the session.

LANGUAGES

The IPU Secretariat will provide simultaneous interpretation into and from its two official languages: English and French, as well as Arabic and Spanish at the meetings of all statutory bodies.

Three other interpretation channels have been reserved for Chinese, Japanese and Russian at sittings of the Assembly and the Governing Council, and for the panel discussions.

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 (Ms. F. Steinig-Huang) well in advance and no later than two hours before it is to be delivered.

MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES

The following IPU bodies will also meet during the Assembly:

- Governing Council (17 and 20 March, public sittings);
- Executive Committee (13, 14, 15 and 19 March, in camera);
- Sub-Committee on Finance (12 March, in camera);
- Meeting of Women Parliamentarians (16 and 18 March, public sittings);
- Coordinating Committee of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians (16, 18 and 19 March, in camera);
- Gender Partnership Group (15 and 19 March, in camera);
- Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians (15 to 19 March, in camera);
- Committee on Middle East Questions (16 and 19 March, in camera);
- Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law (17 March, in camera);
- Group of Facilitators for Cyprus (18 March, in camera);

- Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS and Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (17 March, in camera);
- Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU (17 March, public sittings).

The Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP) will also meet at the CICG during the Assembly. It will be convened by its President.

RESULTS OF THE ASSEMBLY

All delegations will receive two printed copies of the Results of the 130th Assembly. In addition, the document will become accessible on the IPU website two weeks after the close of the Assembly, when a complete electronic version can be downloaded in PDF format.

REGISTRATION

All delegations are requested to respect the registration deadline of 3 March 2014.

The IPU Secretariat is in the process of developing an online registration system for its Assemblies. A first trial online registration will be used for the 130th Assembly, which will run in parallel to the traditional registration system. Annex 4 provides instructions on how to use the new registration system, which will be operational as of 15 December. For IPU Members, only one person should be designated as the delegation coordinator and have access to the system.

As this is a transitional phase, delegations are kindly requested to also return the attached registration form (Annex 5) to the IPU Secretariat by fax: +41 22 919 41 60 or e-mail: registration@ipu.org. Alternatively, please submit a copy of your delegation's registration document, which can be generated online by clicking on "export delegation's list".

The Registration and Information Service will be open at the CICG on Saturday, 15 March from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 16 to 20 March from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please be advised that this Service can hand over delegation badges to Permanent Missions in Geneva only if a signed letter of authorization has been received from the Member Parliament. Even when badges have been collected by Permanent Missions, delegations are kindly requested to contact the Registration and Information Service and verify the accuracy of the information contained in the List of Participants.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

March is a particularly busy month for hotels in Geneva. Delegates are therefore advised to make their hotel reservations as soon as possible. Those delegations from countries with a Permanent Mission in Geneva are invited to contact their respective Mission, as they are accustomed to receiving delegations to UN meetings and handling hotel reservations. Many of them have agreements for preferential rates with hotels close to the Palais des Nations area and the CICG.

For those Members without diplomatic representation in Geneva, as well as Associate Members and official observers, the IPU Secretariat has pre-booked a limited number of rooms at four hotels in Geneva (Ibis Grand-Pré – 3-star; the Warwick – 4-star; and Le Richemond and Mövenpick - 5-star, with prices ranging from CHF 190 to 400).

The booking conditions are very strict and delegates are advised to respect the deadline of each hotel as indicated on the form, as after this date, the preferential negotiated rates will no longer be available and the rooms will be released. Please contact the IPU Secretariat should you wish to receive additional information and the corresponding hotel reservation form by fax: +41 22 919 41 60 or e-mail: postbox@ipu.org.

In keeping with the practice of hotels in Geneva, only reservations made with a credit card guarantee will be confirmed. It is also possible to make reservations on-line via the Tourist Office's website at: www.geneve-tourisme.ch/en/accommodation.

VISAS

Switzerland is an associate member of the Schengen Agreement and part of the Schengen area. On 11 October 2011, the Schengen member States introduced the Visa Information System (VIS), which is used to store biometric data (fingerprints and facial image) of the Schengen visa applicant. All Swiss embassies and consulates are gradually being connected to the VIS system.

All visa applicants are required to make an appointment with the Swiss embassy/consulate and submit and register their biometric data in person. This data remains valid in the VIS system for a period of five years.

An official document explaining the implementation of the VIS system, registration of biometric data and the rollout timetable for Swiss embassies/consulates connected to the VIS system is available at www.bfm.admin.ch/content/bfm/en/home/themen/einreise/einfuehrung_vis.html.

The time needed to obtain a visa depends greatly on local circumstances. In addition to this, Switzerland has signed agreements with certain countries where it is not represented by a diplomatic or consular entity. Under certain conditions these agreements allow for the issuing of visas by a Schengen state in a country where Switzerland is not represented. It is therefore highly recommended that applicants enquire directly with the Swiss embassy/consulate in their country of residence or consult the appropriate website. Appointments for submitting and registering biometric data must therefore be taken well in advance, as per information provided by the Swiss authorities.

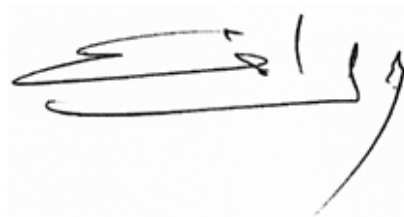
Kindly note that following Switzerland's entry into the Schengen area, visas are no longer issued upon arrival at Geneva International Airport. Please also note that Geneva Airport is located on the Swiss-French border and also has a French entry point. Delegates travelling via France must check with the competent French authorities to ascertain whether a French or Schengen visa is required for travel through a French airport en route to Geneva.

It is our hope that your Parliament will be represented at the 130th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and that the delegation, under your leadership, will take an active part in the proceedings.

Yours sincerely,



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President
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GENERAL TIMETABLE OF THE 130th ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

Geneva, 16 to 20 March 2014

Wednesday, 12 March 2014

	10:00 - 13:00	Sub-Committee on Finance*
	15:00 - 18:00	Main meeting room, IPU Headquarters

Thursday, 13 March 2014

	10:00 - 13:00	Executive Committee*
	15:00 - 18:00	Main meeting room, IPU Headquarters

Friday, 14 March 2014

	10:00 - 13:00	Executive Committee*
	15:00 - 18:00	Main meeting room, IPU Headquarters

Saturday, 15 March 2014

	09.00 – 18.00	Beginning of Registration - Main lobby, CICG
	09.00 – 10.00	Gender Partnership Group* Main meeting room, IPU Headquarters
	09.30 – 13.00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians* Room B, CCV Annexe, CICG
	10:00 - 13:00	Executive Committee* Main meeting room, IPU Headquarters
	14.30 – 18.00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians* Room B, CCV Annexe, CICG
	15:00 - 18:00	Executive Committee* Main meeting room, IPU Headquarters

Sunday, 16 March 2014

	07.30 – 09.15	Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians* Room A, CCV Annexe, CICG
	09.30 – 12.30	Committee on Middle East Questions* Room C, CCV Annexe, CICG
	09.30 – 13.00	Meeting of Women Parliamentarians Room 2, level 0, CICG
	14.00 – 15.00	Meeting of Advisers and Secretaries to delegations Rooms 5 & 6, level 3, CICG
	14.30 – 18.00	Meeting of Women Parliamentarians Room 2, level 0, CICG
	15.00 – 18.30	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians* Room B, CCV Annexe, CICG
	15.30 – 18.00	Joint Meeting of Standing Committee Bureaux and Chairpersons of Geopolitical Groups* Room A, CCV Annexe, CICG

Monday, 17 March 2014 (Day 1)

	08.00 – 09.00	Assembly Steering Committee* VIP Salon, level 3, CICG
	09.00 – 10.45	Governing Council Room 1, level 1, CICG
	09.00 – 12.00	Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS and Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (ENGLISH ONLY)* Room 8, level 2, CICG
	09.00 – 13.00	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security Election of Bureau members, presentation and debate of draft resolution Room 2, level 0, CICG
	09.30 – 12.30	Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU Room A, CCV Annexe, CICG
	10.00 – 11.30	Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law* Room C, CCV Annexe, CICG
	11.00 – 13.00	Assembly: Election of President, followed by the General Debate Room 1, level 1, CICG
ASGP	09.30 – 11.00	ASGP Executive Committee* Room 20, level 3, CICG
	11.00 – 12.30	ASGP Meeting Rooms 5 & 6, level 3, CICG
	14.30 – 16.30	Assembly: General Debate Room 1, level 1, CICG
	14.30 – 18.00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians* Room B, CCV Annexe, CICG
	14.30 – 18.30	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights Election of Bureau members, presentation and debate of draft resolution Room 2, level 0, CICG
	14.30 – 18.30	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security Drafting of resolution Room A, CCV Annexe, CICG
	16.30 – 18.30	Assembly: Vote on possible emergency item followed by continuation of the General Debate Room 1, level 1, CICG
ASGP	14.30 – 17.30	ASGP Meeting Rooms 5 & 6, level 3, CICG

Tuesday, 18 March 2014 (Day 2)

	09.00 – 11.00	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security Drafting of resolution Room A, CCV Annexe, CICG
	09.00 – 13.00	Assembly: General Debate Room 1, level 1, CICG
	09.00 – 13.00	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade Election of Bureau members, presentation and debate of draft resolution Room 2, level 0, CICG
	09.30 – 11.00	Group of Facilitators for Cyprus* Room 8, level 2, CICG
	09.30 – 13.00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians* Room B, CCV Annexe, CICG
	11.30 – 13.30	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights Drafting of resolution in plenary Rooms 3 & 4, level 0, CICG
ASGP	09.30 – 10.00	ASGP Executive Committee* Room 20, level 3, CICG
	10.00 – 12.30	ASGP Meeting Rooms 5 & 6, level 3, CICG
	14.30 – 16.00	Bureau of the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security* Room A, CCV Annexe, CICG
	14.30 – 18.30	Assembly: General debate followed by debate on the emergency item Room 1, level 1, CICG
	14.30 – 18.30	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights Drafting of resolution in plenary Rooms 3 & 4, level 0, CICG
	15.00 – 15.45	Meeting of Women Parliamentarians Room 2, level 0, CICG
	16.00 – 17.00	Coordinating Committee of Women MPs* Room A, CCV Annexe, CICG
	16.30 – 18.30	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security Adoption of the draft resolution Room 2, level 0, CICG
	17.15 – 17.45	Meeting of Women Parliamentarians Room A, CCV Annexe, CICG
ASGP	14.30 – 17.30	ASGP Meeting Rooms 5 & 6, level 3, CICG

Wednesday, 19 March 2014 (Day 3)

	09.00 – 10.00	Gender Partnership Group* Room A, CCV Annexe, CICC
	09.00 – 11.00	Bureau of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights* Room B, CCV Annexe, CICC
	09.00 – 13.00	Standing Committee on UN Affairs Election of Bureau members and Debate Room 2, level 0, CICC
	09.00 – 13.00	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade Drafting of resolution in plenary Rooms 3 & 4, level 0, CICC
	09.00 – 13.00	Possible drafting committee on the emergency item* Room C, CCV Annexe, CICC
	10.00 – 12.30	Executive Committee* Room A, CCV Annexe, CICC
ASGP	09.30 – 10.00	ASGP Executive Committee* Room 20, level 3, CICC
	10.00 – 12.30	ASGP Meeting Rooms 5 & 6, level 3, CICC
	14.00 – 16.00	Bureau of the Standing Committee on UN Affairs* Room 18, level -1, CICC
	14.00 - 16.00	Panel discussion 1 Room A, CCV Annexe, CICC
	14.30 – 16.30	Conclusion of possible drafting committee on the emergency item Room C, CCV Annexe, CICC
	14.30 – 16.30	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade Drafting of resolution in plenary Rooms 3 & 4, level 0, CICC
	14.30 – 17.30	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians* Room B, CCV Annexe, CICC
	16.30 – 18.30	Assembly: Continuation and end of the General Debate Room 1, level 1, CICC
	16.30 – 18.30	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights Adoption of the draft resolution Room 2, level 0, CICC
	17.00 – 18.00	Coordinating Committee of Women MPs* Room A, CCV Annexe, CICC
	17.00 – 19.00	Middle East Committee* Room C, CCV Annexe, CICC
ASGP	14.30 – 17.30	ASGP Meeting Rooms 5 & 6, level 3, CICC

Thursday, 20 March 2014 (Day 4)

	09.00 – 13.00	Governing Council Election of the Secretary General Room 1, level 1, CIGC
	09.00 – 11.00	Bureau of the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade* Room C, CCV Annexe, CIGC
	11.30 – 13.00	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade Adoption of the draft resolution Room 2, level 0, CIGC
ASGP	09.30 – 10.00	ASGP Executive Committee* Room 20, level 3, CIGC
	10.00 – 12.30	ASGP Meeting Rooms 5 & 6, level 3, CIGC
	14.30 – 17.00	Governing Council Room 1, level 1, CIGC
	17.00 – 18.30	Assembly Closing sitting Room 1, level 1, CIGC
	14.30 – 16.30	Panel discussion 2 Rooms 3 & 4, level 0, CIGC
ASGP	14.30 – 17.30	ASGP Meeting Rooms 5 & 6, level 3, CIGC

Legend:

Assembly /
Governing Council



Committees /
Panel discussions



Other Assembly events,
including in camera
sessions



PROVISIONAL TABLE SHOWING THE ALLOCATION OF VOTES AT THE 130th ASSEMBLY
(According to Article 15.2 of the Statutes)

MEMBERS		Votes under (a)	Population in millions	Votes under (b)	Total number of votes
1.	Afghanistan	10	24.1	4	14
2.	Albania	10	3.0	1	11
3.	Algeria	10	33.2	5	15
4.	Andorra	10	0.08	0	10
5.	Angola	10	8.3	2	12
6.	Argentina	10	41.0	6	16
7.	Armenia	10	3.4	1	11
8.	Australia	10	21.0	4	14
9.	Austria	10	7.8	2	12
10.	Azerbaijan	10	7.3	2	12
11.	Bahrain	10	0.7	0	10
12.	Bangladesh	10	153.0	10	20
13.	Belarus	10	10.2	3	13
14.	Belgium	10	9.9	2	12
15.	Benin	10	7.6	2	12
16.	Bhutan	10	0.7	0	10
17.	Bolivia	10	6.7	2	12
18.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	10	4.3	1	11
19.	Botswana	10	1.3	1	11
20.	Brazil	10	146.0	10	20
21.	Bulgaria	10	8.5	2	12
22.	Burkina Faso	10	10.4	3	13
23.	Burundi	10	5.2	2	12
24.	Cambodia	10	10.7	3	13
25.	Cameroon	10	12.9	3	13
26.	Canada	10	30.8	5	15
27.	Cape-Verde	10	0.3	0	10
28.	Chad	10	11.3	3	13
29.	Chile	10	15.1	3	13
30.	China	10	1,200.0	13	23
31.	Colombia	10	29.5	4	14
32.	Congo	10	1.9	1	11
33.	Costa Rica	10	3.3	1	11
34.	Côte d'Ivoire	10	15.5	3	13
35.	Croatia	10	4.8	1	11
36.	Cuba	10	10.2	3	13
37.	Cyprus	10	0.7	0	10
38.	Czech Republic	10	10.5	3	13
39.	Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	10	20.9	4	14
40.	Dem. Republic of the Congo	10	56.8	7	17
41.	Denmark	10	5.2	2	12
42.	Djibouti	10	0.79	0	10
43.	Dominican Republic	10	9.0	2	12
44.	Ecuador	10	14.0	3	13
45.	El Salvador	10	5.3	2	12
46.	Equatorial Guinea	10	1.0	1	11
47.	Estonia	10	1.5	1	11
48.	Ethiopia	10	67.5	8	18

MEMBERS		Votes under (a)	Population in millions	Votes under (b)	Total number of votes
49.	Federated States of Micronesia	10	0.10	0	10
50.	Finland	10	5.4	2	12
51.	France	10	58.3	7	17
52.	Gabon	10	1.0	1	11
53.	Gambia	10	1.5	1	11
54.	Georgia	10	4.7	1	11
55.	Germany	10	81.3	9	19
56.	Ghana	10	25.0	4	14
57.	Greece	10	10.2	3	13
58.	Guatemala	10	8.2	2	12
59.	Guinea-Bissau	10	1.5	1	11
60.	Haiti	10	10.2	3	13
61.	Honduras	10	8.1	2	12
62.	Hungary	10	10.4	3	13
63.	Iceland	10	0.31	0	10
64.	India	10	1,000.3	13	23
65.	Indonesia	10	206.0	12	22
66.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	10	60.5	8	18
67.	Iraq	10	26.7	4	14
68.	Ireland	10	4.5	1	11
69.	Israel	10	6.7	2	12
70.	Italy	10	57.0	7	17
71.	Japan	10	123.6	10	20
72.	Jordan	10	5.5	2	12
73.	Kazakhstan	10	17.0	3	13
74.	Kenya	10	24.0	4	14
75.	Kuwait	10	2.2	1	11
76.	Kyrgyzstan	10	4.5	1	11
77.	Lao People's Dem. Rep.	10	5.6	2	12
78.	Latvia	10	2.7	1	11
79.	Lebanon	10	2.4	1	11
80.	Lesotho	10	2.1	1	11
81.	Libya	10	3.9	1	11
82.	Liechtenstein	10	0.3	0	10
83.	Lithuania	10	3.9	1	11
84.	Luxembourg	10	0.4	0	10
85.	Malawi	10	13.9	3	13
86.	Malaysia	10	22.7	4	14
87.	Maldives	10	0.35	0	10
88.	Mali	10	8.0	2	12
89.	Malta	10	0.3	0	10
90.	Mauritania	10	3.1	1	11
91.	Mauritius	10	1.02	1	11
92.	Mexico	10	104.0	10	20
93.	Monaco	10	0.03	0	10
94.	Mongolia	10	2.0	1	11
95.	Montenegro	10	0.62	0	10
96.	Morocco	10	31.5	5	15
97.	Mozambique	10	12.1	3	13
98.	Myanmar	10	60.3	8	18
99.	Namibia	10	1.5	1	11

MEMBERS		Votes under (a)	Population in millions	Votes under (b)	Total number of votes
100.	Nepal	10	26.4	4	14
101.	Netherlands	10	15.3	3	13
102.	New Zealand	10	4.4	1	11
103.	Nicaragua	10	5.1	2	12
104.	Niger	10	16.5	3	13
105.	Nigeria	10	140.4	10	20
106.	Norway	10	5.0	2	12
107.	Oman	10	2.5	1	11
108.	Pakistan	10	160.9	11	21
109.	Palau	10	0.02	0	10
110.	Palestine	10	3.9	1	11
111.	Panama	10	1.7	1	11
112.	Papua New Guinea	10	3.0	1	11
113.	Paraguay	10	5.7	2	12
114.	Peru	10	23.0	4	14
115.	Philippines	10	62.1	8	18
116.	Poland	10	38.5	5	15
117.	Portugal	10	10.3	3	13
118.	Qatar	10	0.88	0	10
119.	Republic of Korea	10	50.8	7	17
120.	Republic of Moldova	10	4.3	1	11
121.	Romania	10	23.0	4	14
122.	Russian Federation	10	148.8	10	20
123.	Rwanda	10	6.2	2	12
124.	Samoa	10	0.17	0	10
125.	San Marino	10	0.02	0	10
126.	Sao Tome and Principe	10	0.16	0	10
127.	Saudi Arabia	10	27.1	4	14
128.	Senegal	10	7.0	2	12
129.	Serbia	10	9.7	2	12
130.	Seychelles	10	0.08	0	10
131.	Sierra Leone	10	4.9	1	11
132.	Singapore	10	5.08	2	12
133.	Slovakia	10	5.2	2	12
134.	Slovenia	10	1.9	1	11
135.	Somalia	10	10.4	3	13
136.	South Africa	10	40.4	6	16
137.	Spain	10	39.4	5	15
138.	South Sudan	10	10.0	3	13
139.	Sri Lanka	10	17.0	3	13
140.	Sudan	10	33.4	5	15
141.	Suriname	10	0.4	0	10
142.	Sweden	10	8.7	2	12
143.	Switzerland	10	6.7	2	12
144.	Syrian Arab Republic	10	12.5	3	13
145.	Tajikistan	10	5.1	2	12
146.	Thailand	10	60.1	8	18
147.	The fYR of Macedonia	10	2.3	1	11
148.	Timor-Leste	10	0.92	0	10
149.	Togo	10	5.4	2	12
150.	Trinidad and Tobago	10	1.22	1	11
151.	Tunisia	10	10.2	3	13

MEMBERS		Votes under (a)	Population in millions	Votes under (b)	Total number of votes
152.	Turkey	10	64.5	8	18
153.	Uganda	10	17.0	3	13
154.	Ukraine	10	50.1	7	17
155.	United Arab Emirates	10	2.5	1	11
156.	United Kingdom	10	60.2	8	18
157.	United Rep. of Tanzania	10	34.4	5	15
158.	Uruguay	10	3.2	1	11
159.	Venezuela	10	18.1	3	13
160.	Viet Nam	10	63.7	8	18
161.	Yemen	10	10.5	3	13
162.	Zambia	10	10.9	3	13
163.	Zimbabwe	10	10.4	3	13



VACANCIES FOR THE STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

In accordance with the amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules, as adopted on the occasion of the 129th IPU Assembly (Geneva, October 2013), each IPU Standing Committee will be guided in its work by a Bureau composed of three representatives of each of the existing geopolitical groups, which shall designate not more than two candidatures of the same sex to each Bureau. Every effort shall be made to include young parliamentarians and encourage candidatures from new Members of the IPU as well as Members that do not hold other offices in the IPU. Bureau members are elected for a term of two-years and may be re-elected for a further period of two years.

Candidatures for a Bureau shall be submitted by the respective geopolitical group and should have expertise as far as possible in the area of work of the given Standing Committee. Moreover, elected members of the Bureau shall be supported by their respective parliament in carrying out their function as members of the Bureau. Every effort shall be made to ensure their participation in IPU Assemblies for the duration of their mandate as Bureau members.

Elections to the Standing Committee Bureaux will be held at the first sitting of each Committee at the 130th IPU Assembly (Geneva, March 2014). The new Bureaux will therefore have an opportunity to meet in their new configuration during the Assembly, to discuss and decide on a number of important issues, including their comprehensive work plan and the selection of agenda items to be taken up by their respective Committees. Current Bureau members who have not yet finished their term will have an opportunity to continue in their function until the expiration of their term.

Members are therefore strongly encouraged to submit their candidature for the Standing Committee Bureaux to their geopolitical groups, with copy to the IPU Secretariat, **well in advance** of the start of the 130th IPU Assembly. The composition and vacancies for the Bureaux of the Standing Committees are as follows:

Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

African Group

- Mr. G. SCHNEEMAN, South Africa (End of first term: April 2014)
- Mr. A. BOUGUE, Cameroon (End of second term: April 2015)
- One vacancy, which must be filled by a woman MP

Arab Group

- Ms. S. HAJ HASSAN, Jordan (End of first term: April 2015)
- Two vacancies, of which at least one must be filled by a man MP

Asia-Pacific Group

- Mr. S. DANUSUBROTO, Indonesia (End of second term: April 2015)
- Two vacancies, which must be filled by one man and one woman MP.

Eurasia Group

- Three vacancies, which must be filled by men and women MPs.

Group of Latin America and the Caribbean

- Mr. D. FILMUS, Argentina (End of second term: April 2015)
- Mr. L.E. SIERRA GRAJALES, Colombia (End of first term: April 2014)
- One vacancy, which must be filled by a woman MP

Twelve-Plus Group

- Three vacancies, which must be filled by men and women MPs.

Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade

African Group

- Mr. H.R. MOHAMED, United Rep. of Tanzania (End of second term: April 2015)
- Two vacancies, which must be filled by one man and one woman MP.

Arab Group

- Mr. N. NAJADAH, Kuwait (End of first term: April 2015)
- Mr. M. DMOUR, Jordan (End of second term: April 2015)
- One vacancy, which must be filled by a woman MP

Asia-Pacific Group

- Mr. I.A. BILOUR, Pakistan (End of second term: April 2015)
- Two vacancies, which must be filled by one man and one woman MP.

Eurasia Group

- Mr. B.-Z. ZHAMBALNIMBUYEV, Russian Federation (End of second term: April 2015)
- Two vacancies, which must be filled by one man and one woman MP

Group of Latin America and the Caribbean

- Mr. R. LEÓN, Chile (End of second term: April 2015)
- Mr. F. BUSTAMANTE, Ecuador (End of second term: April 2015)
- One vacancy, which must be filled by a woman MP

Twelve-Plus Group

- Mr. F.-X. de DONNEA, Belgium (End of second term: April 2015)
- Ms. M. OBRADOVIĆ, Serbia (End of first term: April 2015)
- One vacancy

Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights

African Group

- Three vacancies, which must be filled by men and women MPs.

Arab Group

- Ms. J. NASSIF, Bahrain (End of second term: April 2015)
- Mr. R. ABDUL-JABBAR, Iraq (End of second term: April 2015)
- One vacancy

Asia-Pacific Group

- Ms. F.Z. NADIRI, Afghanistan (End of first term: April 2015)
- Two vacancies, vacancies, which must be filled by one man and one woman MP.

Eurasia Group

- Three vacancies, which must be filled by men and women MPs.

Group of Latin America and the Caribbean

- Mr. J.M. GALÁN, Colombia (End of second term: April 2015)
- Ms. G. ORTIZ, Mexico (End of first term: April 2015)
- One vacancy

Twelve-Plus Group

- Mr. C. JANIÁK, Switzerland (End of first term: April 2015)
- Ms. L. WALL, New Zealand (End of first term: April 2015)
- One vacancy

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

A new Bureau will be established, composed of 18 members in observance of gender equality. Interested members of the current Advisory Group who meet Bureau requirements (relevant expertise and support from their parliaments to carry out operational activities) may submit their candidatures.

The following vacancies will need to be filled:

- African Group: three seats
- Arab Group: three seats
- Asia-Pacific Group: three seats
- Eurasia Group: three seats
- Group of Latin America and the Caribbean: three seats
- Twelve-Plus Group: three seats



EXPLANATORY NOTE ON IPU ONLINE REGISTRATION

The IPU Secretariat is currently developing an online registration system for its Assemblies, which will be put to the test for the first time for the March 2014 Assembly. As it is still under trial, any comments or suggestions you may wish to share with us will be most welcome.

The system can be accessed through the IPU website, on the 130th Assembly page, simply by clicking on the Registration button; and will be available as of 15 December 2013.

Important: It is recommended that IPU Members designate a delegation coordinator, who will be the sole user of the online registration system and who will choose a password.

The registration process is as follows:

1. Sign up for an account and enter the requested details on this page.
2. Once you have registered successfully, sign in using your account.
3. Click on "Register for this Event" to register for the 130th Assembly.
4. **Click on "Start Registration" to register your delegation. In your capacity as delegation coordinator, do not forget to include yourself if you intend to attend the event.**
5. It will be possible to make changes to your data at any time up to one week before the opening of the Assembly, i.e. until 10 March 2014.

The registration process includes a **validation phase**, where system administrators will examine your registration. Once your registration has been validated, you will be sent a confirmation e-mail. Otherwise, one of our administrators will contact you for any action that requires follow-up.

Should you have any questions on registration in general, please send them to Ms. Sally-Anne Sader, Conference Services Officer, at: sas@ipu.org. Should you need technical assistance, please contact the IT expert who has been helping with the system's development, Mr. Robert Narvaez, at: rn@ipu.org, with copy to Ms. Sader.



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REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill in and return this form no later than 3 March 2014 to the Secretariat of the Inter-Parliamentary Union:

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Parliament / Organization:

	Last Name (Mr./Mrs./Ms.)	First Name	Titles or functions within the IPU (e.g. President of Group, Head of Delegation)	Titles or functions within the National Parliament or Organization (e.g. President, Committee member)	Political party affiliation	E-mail address
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Secretaries and Advisers

	Last Name (Mr./Mrs./Ms.)	First Name	Titles or functions within the IPU (e.g. Secretary of Group, Member of the ASGP)	Titles or functions within the National Parliament or Organization (e.g. Secretary General)	E-mail address
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3.					
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Accompanying persons

	Last Name (Mr./Mrs./Ms.)	First Name	Name of delegate you will be accompanying
1.			
2.			
3.			

Date : _____ Signature : _____



SPEAKERS' PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

GENERAL DEBATE ON THE THEME

IPU AT 125: RENEWING OUR COMMITMENT TO PEACE AND DEMOCRACY

(ITEM 3 OF THE AGENDA)

PARLIAMENT OR
ORGANIZATION _____

	Please circle one title	Family name	Given name(s)	Is s/he presiding officer (Speaker) of parliament?
1	MR./ MS.			Yes / No
2*	MR./ MS.			Yes / No



*The second speaker is only applicable to IPU Member Parliaments and Associate Members

DATE: SIGNATURE:

Kindly fill out this form and return it by 6 p.m. (Geneva time) at the latest on 10 March 2014 to the IPU Secretariat at either:

Fax number: + 41 22 919 41 60 or E-mail: postbox@ipu.org