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130th IPU ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

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Time	Meeting	Place
7.30 a.m. – 9.15 a.m.	Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians	Room A CCV Annexe, CIGG (in camera)
9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Meeting of Women Parliamentarians <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Working groups to contribute to IPU resolutions on:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Towards risk-resilient development: Taking into consideration demographic trends and natural constraints– 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	Room 2 level 0, CIGG
10.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Committee on Middle East Questions	Room C CCV Annexe, CIGG (in camera)
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Meeting of Advisers and Secretaries to delegations	Rooms 5 & 6 level 3, CIGG
2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m. 2.30 p.m. – 4.15 p.m. 4.15 p.m.	Meeting of Women Parliamentarians <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Panel debate: <i>What priorities for women in the next ten years?</i>♦ Presentation of candidates for the position of Secretary General	Room 2 level 0, CIGG
2.30 p.m.–6.30 p.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians	Room B CCV Annexe, CIGG (in camera)
3.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Joint Meeting of the Standing Committee Bureaux and Chairpersons of Geopolitical Groups <p>Implementation of amendments to IPU Statutes and Rules, including establishment of new Bureaux for four Standing Committees</p>	Room A CCV Annexe, CIGG (in camera)

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Limited seating – Plenary Hall (Room 1). On the basis of seats available at desks in the room, each parliamentary delegation will be allocated two seats at desks and two seats behind. Where possible, larger delegations and/or those led by a Speaker of Parliament will have three seats at desks and three seats behind.

Priority lane – Security. Each Head of delegation and/or Speaker of Parliament will receive an IPU lapel pin upon

¹ Information as at 15 March, at 6 p.m.

registration. When wearing the pin, delegates will have access to a "priority" lane at the security check-point.

Preview of main programme for Monday, 17 March

9 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.	Governing Council	Room 1 level 1, CICG
9 a.m. – 1 p.m. &	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security Election of Bureau members; presentation and debate of draft resolution	Room 2 level 0, CICG
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Negotiation of draft resolution in <u>drafting committee</u> ²	Room A CCV Annexe, CICG (<i>in camera</i>)
9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU	Room A CCV Annexe, CICG
11 a.m. – 1 p.m. &	Assembly Start of general debate on <i>The IPU at 125: Renewing our commitment to peace and democracy</i> Inaugural ceremony with address by Mr Michael Møller, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva	Room 1 level 1, CICG
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Address by Mr. Mustapha Ben Jaafar, President of the National Constituent Assembly of Tunisia, followed by continuation of general debate	
4.30 p.m.	Vote on possible emergency item; continuation of general debate	
2.30 p.m.–6.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights Election of Bureau members; presentation and debate of draft resolution	Room 2 level 0, CICG
7 p.m.	Reception hosted by Switzerland	Bâtiment des Forces Motrices, Geneva (<i>Buses leave CICG as of 6.30 p.m.</i>)

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OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, 18 March 2014

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Field visit to a centre for unaccompanied minors in Lausanne ³ This visit has been organized ahead of the panel discussion on migrant children taking place on Wednesday. Participants will visit a centre which seeks to provide special care to unaccompanied minors, to develop their level of autonomy and support them in their socialization.	
12.30 p.m. – 1 p.m.	Open debate with Mr. William Lacy Swing, Director General of the International Organization for Migration (at end of morning sitting of general debate)	Room 1 level 1, CICG

Wednesday, 19 March 2014

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Panel discussion on <i>Promoting the child's best interest: The case of migrant children</i>	Room A CCV Annexe, CICG
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Thursday, 20 March 2014

² Geopolitical groups are kindly requested to nominate their representatives on the drafting committee (two or maximum three members per group) by 10 a.m. tomorrow, Monday 17 March.

³ Geopolitical groups are kindly requested to communicate to the IPU Secretariat the names of up to six MP participants per Group by 12 noon tomorrow, Monday, 17 March.

2.30 p.m.–4.30
p.m.

**Panel discussion on *Reasons for the high turnover of
parliamentarians at elections***

Rooms 3 & 4
level 0, CIG

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OTHER INFORMATION

- ♦ **List of delegates:** In order to ensure the accuracy of the final List of Delegates, delegations are kindly requested to report any changes to Ms. Marina Filippin at the Registration Desk by **10 a.m. on Wednesday 19 March**. The final List of Delegates will be made available on the IPU website.

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MEDIA INFORMATION



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View Assembly photos on Flickr (www.ipu.org/130pics). For information on the official photobank, please visit the Press Service in the main lobby (ground floor, CICG).

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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED DURING THE 130th ASSEMBLY

For more detailed information, please see [Vacancies](#) document.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Standing Committees will be electing their Bureaux at their first sitting. Geopolitical groups are requested to submit the names of their representatives in the four Bureaux in advance of the first sitting of each Standing Committee.

Peace and International Security

African Group:	Two vacancies, at least one of which must be filled by a woman MP
Arab Group:	Two vacancies, at least one of which must be filled by a man MP
Asia-Pacific Group:	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 (GRULAC):	Two vacancies, which must be filled by one man and one woman MP
Twelve Plus Group:	Three vacancies, which must be filled by men and women MPs

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. M. Ashimbayev (Kazakhstan): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group;
- Mr. A. Klimov (Russian Federation): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group.

Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade

African Group:	Two vacancies, at least one of which must be filled by a woman MP
Arab Group:	Two vacancies, at least one of which must be filled by a woman MP
Asia-Pacific Group:	Two vacancies, at least one of which must be filled by a woman MP
Eurasia Group:	Three vacancies, at least one of which must be filled by a woman MP
GRULAC:	One vacancy which must be filled by a woman MP
Twelve Plus Group:	One vacancy

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. K. Chshmaritian (Armenia): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group;
- Mr. S. Gavrilov (Russian Federation): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group.

Democracy and Human Rights

- African Group:** Three vacancies, which must be filled by men and women MPs
Arab Group: One vacancy
Asia-Pacific Group: Two vacancies, at least one of which must be filled by a man MP
Eurasia Group: Three vacancies, which must be filled by men and women MPs
GRULAC: One vacancy
Twelve Plus Group: One vacancy

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. A. Naumchik (Belarus): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group;
- Ms. E. Vtorygina (Russian Federation): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group.

United Nations Affairs

A new Bureau will be established, composed of 18 members. **Each geopolitical Group is invited to submit three candidatures (both men and women).**

To date, the following candidature has been received:

- Mr. M. Margelov (Russian Federation): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group.

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On 20 March 2014, the Governing Council will be required to hold elections as outlined below. Candidatures (a signed letter and a one-page curriculum vitae) may be submitted to the Submission and Control of Documents Service (Offices 224/225, level 2, CICG) up to 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 19 March 2014.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Governing Council will be required to elect **two members** (Twelve-Plus Group).

COMMITTEE ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF PARLIAMENTARIANS

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one titular member** (African Group).

COMMITTEE ON MIDDLE EAST QUESTIONS

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one titular member** and **two substitute members**.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

- Mr. A.N.M. Alhmad (Palestine): candidature submitted as substitute member by the candidate.

GROUP OF FACILITATORS FOR CYPRUS

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one Facilitator**.

COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

The Governing Council will be required to elect **three members** (Arab Group, Asia-Pacific Group and Eurasia Group).

COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS

On 18 March 2014, the 19th Meeting of Women Parliamentarians will be required to hold elections for its Coordinating Committee. Geopolitical groups are requested to submit candidatures in writing by 12 noon on Monday, 17 March, to Ms. K. Jabre. Posts to be filled include:

- **One titular and one substitute regional representative** per geopolitical group, for a four-year term;
- **One titular regional representative** each for the **African Group**, the **Arab Group** and the **Eurasia Group** to fill the seats left vacant (end of term: April 2016);
- **One substitute regional representative** each for the **Asia-Pacific Group**, the **Eurasia Group** and **GRULAC** to fill the seats left vacant (end of term: April 2016).

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. V. Petrenko (Russian Federation): candidature as titular regional representative (four-year term) submitted by the Eurasia Group;
- Ms. H. Bisharyan (Armenia): candidature as titular regional representative (two-year term) submitted by the Eurasia Group;
- Ms. E. Shamal (Belarus): candidature as substitute regional representative (four-year term) submitted by the Eurasia Group.

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