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131st IPU ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

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Time	Meeting	Place
8 a.m. – 9 a.m.	Steering Committee of the Assembly <i>The Steering Committee is composed of the President of the IPU and the Vice-President of the Executive Committee, as well as the Presidents of the Standing Committees who may take part in an advisory capacity; it is assisted by the IPU Secretary General.</i>	VIP Salon level 3, CICG (in camera)
9 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.	Governing Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Questions relating to IPU membership◆ Reports by the President and Secretary General◆ Draft programme and budget for 2015◆ Reports on recent IPU specialized meetings◆ Launch of the joint IPU-International IDEA <i>Atlas on gender quotas</i> – Address by Mr Yves Leterme, Secretary-General of International IDEA	Room 1 level 1, CICG
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Item 4: <i>International law as it relates to national sovereignty, non-intervention in the internal affairs of States and human rights</i> – Presentation of the preliminary draft resolution by the co-Rapporteurs and finalization of draft resolution <i>co-Rapporteurs:</i> – Mr. A. Ahmad (United Arab Emirates) – Mr. P. Mahoux (Belgium)	Rooms 3 & 4 level 0, CICG
9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Contribution to the work of the 131st Assembly with regard to the item under consideration by the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights◆ Preparations for the 132nd Assembly◆ Hearing with the candidates for the post of President of the IPU◆ Update on the Forum's activities in 2014 and 2015◆ Q & A with the United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth	Espace polyvalent level 0, CICG
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Opening of the Assembly; inaugural address by the President of the IPU◆ Start of the general debate on <i>Achieving gender equality, ending violence against women</i> (A list of speakers is available.)◆ Opening address by Mr. Michael Møller, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, and video message from Mr. Ban Ki-moon, United Nations Secretary-General◆ Continuation of the general debate	Room 1 level 1, CICG

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GENERAL DEBATE – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Seating arrangements in view of high attendance – Plenary Hall (Room 1). On the basis of seats available at desks, most delegations will be allocated four seats (two at desks). Members entitled to 10-MP delegations will have a total of six seats (three at desks). Delegations led by a Speaker of Parliament will have one additional desk seat. Single-member delegations and Observers will have one desk seat.

Please note extended sitting time for the general debate as of tomorrow, Tuesday.

¹ Information as at 12 October, at 6 p.m.

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Bureau of the Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs	Room 18 level -1, CICG (in camera)
2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Assembly	Room 1 level 1, CICG
2.30 p.m. – 5 p.m.	♦ Continuation of the general debate ♦ Video message on the HeForShe campaign	
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.	♦ Decision on the emergency item	
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security	Room 2 level 0, CICG
	♦ Hearing on implementation of the 2008 IPU resolution on <i>The role of parliaments in striking a balance between national security, human security and individual freedoms, and in averting the threat to democracy</i>	
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights	Rooms 3 & 4 level 0, CICG
	♦ Item 4: <i>International law as it relates to national sovereignty, non-intervention in the internal affairs of States and human rights</i> – Preparation of the draft resolution in plenary	
2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians	Room 15 level -1, CICG (in camera)

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Preview of main programme for Tuesday, 14 October

9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	Open session of the Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law on <i>Ensuring respect for women's rights in situations of conflict</i>	Espace polyvalent level 0, CICG
<u>9 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.</u>	Assembly	Room 1 level 1, CICG
9 – 10.30 a.m.	♦ Continuation of general debate	
10.30 – 11 a.m.	♦ Interactive debate with Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director of UN Women	
11 – 12.30 p.m.	♦ Debate on the emergency item	
<u>2 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.</u>		
2 p.m. – 2.10 p.m.	♦ Presentation of the IPU/UNHCR <i>Nationality and Statelessness: Handbook for Parliamentarians</i>	
2.10 – 5.30 p.m.	♦ Continuation of general debate	
9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs	Room 2 level 0, CICG
	♦ Interactive debate with Professor Alfred de Zayas, UN Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order	
	♦ Panel discussion on <i>The role of corporations in UN decision-making</i>	
1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	Side event with the Cluster Munition Coalition (CMC) and Parliamentary Forum on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) – <i>Protecting civilians from cluster munitions: The role of parliamentarians</i>	Room 18 level -1, CICG
	Refreshments will be served from 12.30 p.m. outside Room 18.	
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade	Room 2 level 0, CICG
	Panel discussion organized in cooperation with UNCTAD/World Investment Forum on <i>Corporate investment in sustainable development</i>	
5.30 p.m. – 7 p.m.	Future Policy Award Ceremony, followed by reception (Events area, level 1, CICG)	Room 2 level 0, CICG

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OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, 15 October 2014

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| 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. | Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs
Discussion on <i>International cooperation towards an integrated strategy to counter the global drug problem</i> | Room 2
level 0, CIG |
| 12.45 p.m. – 2.15 p.m. | Side event with the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH), World Health Organization
<i>Leaving no woman, child or adolescent behind: Accelerating parliamentary action in reducing maternal and child mortality to reach the Millennium Development Goals</i>
A light lunch will be served outside Room 18 prior to the event. | Room 18
level -1, CIG |
| 2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. | Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade
Interactive debate on <i>Shaping a new system of water governance: Promoting parliamentary action on water</i> | Room 2
level 0, CIG |
| 2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. | Standing Committee on Peace and International Security
Panel discussion on <i>Cyber warfare – A serious threat to peace and global security</i> | Room 1
level 1, CIG |

Thursday, 16 October 2014

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| 9.30 a.m. | Governing Council
Election of President of the IPU | Room 1
level 1, CIG |
| 2.30 p.m. | Tribute to outgoing President of the IPU, Mr. Abdelwahed Radi | |

Friday, 17 October 2014

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| 10 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. | Workshop on Good Nuclear Disarmament Practice | IPU headquarters |
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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 **12 noon on Wednesday 15 October**. The final List of Delegates will be published on the IPU website.
- ♦ **Exhibition marking the 125th Anniversary of IPU – *Parliamentary action to promote peace and democracy*:** The exhibition is on display on Quai Wilson in Geneva until 19 October 2014. For delegates wishing to visit the exhibition, a shuttle service will be provided today, Monday, 13 and tomorrow, Tuesday, 14 October between 12.30 p.m. and 2 p.m. from the CIG to Quai Wilson and back.
- ♦ **IPU gift items:** On the occasion of the 131st Assembly, IPU logo gift items will be on sale at a stand located close to the Information Desk (ground floor, CIG), from today, Monday, 13 to Thursday, 16 October, between 12 noon and 2 p.m. Please note that only Swiss francs will be accepted.

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MEDIA INFORMATION



Take part in or follow the Assembly debates through **Twitter** using #IPU131 (www.twitter.com/ipuparliament).



Photos from the Assembly are available for free download and use at <http://www.ipu.org/131pics>.

* * * For all media enquiries, contact Ms. J. Pandya or Mr. F. Puchol (Press Service, ground floor, CIG). * * *

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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 131st ASSEMBLY

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

FORUM OF YOUNG PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE IPU

At its meeting today, Monday, 13 October 2014, the Forum will elect its Board, composed of two representatives (one man and one woman) from each of the IPU geopolitical groups.

*The following candidatures have been received:*²

- Ms. M. Dziva (Zimbabwe) and Mr. R. Igbokwe (Nigeria), submitted by the African Group;
- Ms. T. Rayati (Jordan) and Mr. F. Tanneji (United Arab Emirates), submitted by the Arab Group;
- Ms. C.L. Crexell (Argentina) and Mr. D. Vintimilla (Peru), submitted by GRULAC;
- Mr. V. Gapsys (Lithuania) and Ms. M. Lugarić (Croatia), submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

On 15 October 2014, at the last sitting of each Standing Committee, the following elections will be held:

Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

Two vacancies: One vacancy each for the African Group and the Asia-Pacific Group to be filled by a man or a woman.

Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade

Four vacancies: One vacancy each for the Asia-Pacific Group and the Twelve Plus Group to be filled by a man or a woman; and two vacancies for the Eurasia Group, at least one of which must be filled by a woman.

Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights

One vacancy for the Eurasia Group to be filled by a man.

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

Five vacancies: One vacancy for the African Group to be filled by a man or a woman; and two vacancies each for the Asia-Pacific Group and the Eurasia Group, at least one of which must be filled by a woman.

Candidatures for the above vacancies may be submitted up to the time of the elections.

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On 16 October 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 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 15 October 2014 (9 a.m. for the Group of Facilitators for Cyprus).

PRESIDENT OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. N. Ali Assegaf (Indonesia);
- Ms. B. Bishop (Australia);
- Mr. S.H. Chowdhury (Bangladesh);
- Mr. A. Shahid (Maldives).

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Governing Council will be required to elect **three members**: one member each for the African Group, the Asia-Pacific Group and the Twelve Plus Group.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. K. Jalali (Islamic Republic of Iran);
- Mr. M. Uesugi (Japan).

COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one titular member**.

Committee on Middle East Questions

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

To date, the following candidature has been received:

- Mr. H.N.W. Muhammad (Indonesia).

Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

The Governing Council will be required to elect **five members**: two members (one man and one woman) from the Asia-Pacific Group and one member (male) each from GRULAC, the Twelve Plus Group and the Eurasia Group.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

- Mr. L.F. Duque García (Colombia): candidature submitted by GRULAC.

Group of Facilitators for Cyprus

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

APPOINTMENT OF TWO INTERNAL AUDITORS FOR THE 2015 ACCOUNTS

The Governing Council will appoint **two Internal Auditors** for the 2015 fiscal year.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

- Mr. D. Pacheco (Portugal).

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² As at 9 p.m. on 12 October 2014.