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# 131<sup>st</sup> IPU ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

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## JOURNAL<sup>1</sup> Tuesday, 14 October 2014

Time	Meeting	Place
9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	<b>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></b>	Espace polyvalent level 0, CICG
9 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<b>Assembly</b>	Room 1 level 1, CIGC
9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	♦ Continuation of general debate	
10.30 a.m. – 11 a.m.	♦ Interactive debate with Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director of UN Women	
11 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	♦ <b>Item 7 (emergency item)</b> – <i>The role of parliaments in supporting an immediate and robust international response to the Ebola epidemic and in enacting laws ensuring an effective response to and preparedness for Ebola and other infectious disease outbreaks</i> – Debate	
9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<b>Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs</b>	Room 2 level 0, CIGC
9.30 – 11 a.m.	♦ Interactive debate with Professor Alfred de Zayas, UN Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order	
11 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	♦ Interactive debate with Ms. Petra Bayr, MP (Austria), Ambassador John Kakonge (Kenya), and Mr. Jens Martens, Executive Director of the Global Policy Forum, on <i>The role of corporations in UN decision-making</i>	
9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians</b>	Room 15 level -1, CIGC (in camera)
10 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<b>Bureau of the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade</b>	Room 18 level -1, CIGC (in camera)
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Bureau of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights</b>	Espace polyvalent level 0, CIGC (in camera)
2 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	<b>Assembly</b>	Room 1 level 1, CIGC
2 p.m. – 2.10 p.m.	♦ Presentation of the IPU/UNHCR <i>Nationality and Statelessness: Handbook for Parliamentarians</i>	
2.10 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	♦ Continuation of general debate – Address by Mr. Michael Paymar, Representative in the Minnesota House of Representatives (United States of America)	
2.30 p.m. – 5 p.m.	<b>Bureau of the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security</b>	Room 15 level -1, CIGC (in camera)

<sup>1</sup> Information as at 13 October, at 6 p.m.

<b>2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade</b>	<b>Room 2 level 0, CICG</b>
2.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	♦ Parliamentary contribution to the 2014 Climate Change Conference	
3.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	♦ Panel discussion organized in cooperation with UNCTAD/World Investment Forum on <i>Corporate investment in sustainable development</i>	
<b>2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Possible drafting committee on the emergency item</b>	<b>Espace polyvalent level 0, CIGG (in camera)</b>
<b>5.30 p.m. – 7 p.m.</b>	<b>Future Policy Award Ceremony, followed by reception</b> (Events area, level 1, CIGG)	<b>Room 2 level 0, CIGG</b>

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### Preview of main programme for Wednesday, 15 October

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	<b>Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs</b> Discussion on <i>International cooperation towards an integrated strategy to counter the global drug problem</i>	Room 2 level 0, CIGG
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Assembly</b> ♦ Conclusion of the general debate ♦ <b>Item 7 (emergency item)</b> – <i>The role of parliaments in supporting an immediate and robust international response to the Ebola epidemic and in enacting laws ensuring an effective response to and preparedness for Ebola and other infectious disease outbreaks</i> – Adoption of the resolution	Room 1 level 1, CIGG
9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<b>Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights</b> ♦ <b>Item 4:</b> <i>International law as it relates to national sovereignty, non-intervention in the internal affairs of States and human rights</i> – Finalization of the draft resolution <u>in drafting committee</u> <i>Geopolitical groups are requested to submit their nominations for the drafting committee by 4 p.m. today, Tuesday 14 October.</i>	Room 15 level -1, CIGG (in camera)
5 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	– Adoption of the draft resolution <u>in plenary</u>	Rooms 3 & 4 level 0, CIGG
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	<b>Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade</b> Interactive debate on <i>Shaping a new system of water governance: Promoting parliamentary action on water</i>	Room 2 level 0, CIGG
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	<b>Standing Committee on Peace and International Security</b> Panel discussion on <i>Cyber warfare – A serious threat to peace and global security</i>	Room 1 level 1, CIGG

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### OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### Today, Tuesday, 14 October 2014

1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	<b>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></b> Refreshments will be served from 12.30 p.m. outside Room 18.	Room 18 level -1, CIGG
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### Wednesday, 15 October 2014

12.45 p.m. – 2.15 p.m. **Side event with the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH), World Health Organization** Room 18 level -1, CICG  
*Leaving no woman, child or adolescent behind: Accelerating parliamentary action in reducing maternal and child mortality to reach the Millennium Development Goals*  
A light lunch will be served outside Room 18 prior to the event.

### Thursday, 16 October 2014

9.30 a.m. **Governing Council** Room 1 level 1, CICG  
Election of President of the IPU  
2.30 p.m. Tribute to outgoing President of the IPU, Mr. Abdelwahad Radi

### Friday, 17 October 2014

10 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. **Workshop on Good Nuclear Disarmament Practice** IPU headquarters

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## OTHER INFORMATION

- After elections, the composition of the **Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU** is as follows:

African Group

Ms. M. Dziva (Zimbabwe)  
Mr. R. Igbokwe (Nigeria)

Arab Group

Ms. T. Rayati (Jordan)  
Mr. F. Tanneji (United Arab Emirates) – President

Asia-Pacific Group

Ms. M. Alvarez (Philippines)  
Mr. M. Hun (Cambodia)

Eurasia Group

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GRULAC

Ms. C.L. Crexell (Argentina)  
Mr. D. Vintimilla (Ecuador)

Twelve Plus Group

Mr. V. Gapšys (Lithuania)  
Ms. M. Lugačić (Croatia)

- 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 125<sup>th</sup> 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, Tuesday, 14 October between 12.30 p.m. and 2 p.m. from the CICG to Quai Wilson and back.
- IPU gift items:** On the occasion of the 131<sup>st</sup> Assembly, IPU logo gift items will be on sale, between 12 noon and 2 p.m., at a stand located close to the Registration Desk (ground floor, CICG), until Thursday, 16 October. Please note that only Swiss francs are accepted.

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## MEDIA INFORMATION



Take part in or follow the Assembly debates through **Twitter** using #IPU131 ([www.twitter.com/ipuparliament](http://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, CICG). \* \* \*

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## VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 131<sup>st</sup> ASSEMBLY

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

### 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.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

– Mr. J.R. Tau (South Africa), submitted by the African Group.

#### 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.

*To date, the following candidatures have been received:*

- Ms. S. Tioulong (Cambodia), submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group;
- Ms. S. de Bethune (Belgium), submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

#### 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.

*To date, the following candidatures have been received:*

- Mr. S. Chiheb (Algeria), submitted by the African Group;
- Ms. E. Nursanty (Indonesia) and Mr. J. Jahangirzadeh (Islamic Republic of Iran), submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group.

*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:*

- Ms. Z. Drif Bitat (Algeria), submitted by the African Group;
- Mr. M. Uesugi (Japan), submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group;
- Mr. R. del Picchia (France), submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

#### **COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES**

##### Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

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

*To date, the following candidature has been received:*

- Mr. B. Fabritius (Germany), submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

##### 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. M. Tašner Vatovec (Slovenia), submitted as titular member;
- Mr. R. Munawar (Indonesia), submitted as substitute member;
- Mr. F. Müri (Switzerland), submitted as substitute member.

##### 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), submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

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