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131st IPU ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

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Time	Meeting	Place
8 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians	Espace polyvalent level 0, CICG (in camera)
9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Governing Council At this sitting, the Governing Council will continue its consideration of items remaining on its agenda and hold the following election: 9.30 a.m. › Election of the President of the IPU	Room 1 level 1, CICG
10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights ♦ Item 4: <i>International law as it relates to national sovereignty, non-intervention in the internal affairs of States and human rights</i> – Adoption of the draft resolution	Rooms 3 & 4 level 0, CICG
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Governing Council 2.30 p.m. ♦ Tribute to the outgoing President of the IPU, Mr. Abdelwahad Radi At this sitting, the Governing Council will complete its consideration of the items remaining on its agenda and hold the following election: › Election of three members to the Executive Committee	Room 1 level 1, CICG

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

5.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. **Assembly**

**Room 1
level 1, CICG**

- ◆ **Item 3:** General debate on *Achieving gender equality, ending violence against women*
 - › Adoption of outcome document on the general debate

- ◆ **Item 4:** International law as it relates to national sovereignty, non-intervention in the internal affairs of States and human rights (*Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights*)
 - › Adoption of draft resolution

- ◆ **Item 5:** Reports of the Standing Committees on Peace and International Security; Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade; and United Nations Affairs

- ◆ **Item 6:** Approval of the subject item for the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights at the 133rd IPU Assembly
Democracy in the digital era and the threat to privacy and individual freedoms
Co-Rapporteurs: – Ms. B. Jónsdóttir (Iceland)
– To be announced

Closure of the Assembly

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OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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

- ◆ Further to the decisions of the geopolitical groups, the composition of the Bureaux of the Standing Committees is as follows (* = new member):

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

AFRICAN GROUP

Ms. Zohra DRIF BITAT (Algeria)
Mr. Philippe NZENGUÉ MAYILA (Gabon)
Mr. Johannes Raseriti TAU (South Africa)* – *President*

ARAB GROUP

Ms. Sawsan Hajji TAQAWI (Bahrain)
Mr. Abdelaziz OMARI (Morocco) – *Vice-President*
Mr. Azzam AL-AHMAD (Palestine)

ASIA-PACIFIC GROUP

Ms. Shukria BARAKZAI (Afghanistan)
Mr. Moayed HOSSEINI SADR (Islamic Republic of Iran)
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EURASIA GROUP

Ms. Karine ATSEMYAN (Armenia)
Mr. Maulen ASHIMBAYEV (Kazakhstan)
Mr. Andrey KLIMOV (Russian Federation)

GRULAC

Mr. Ruperto GODOY (Argentina)
Ms. Graciela FERMIN NUESI (Dominican Republic)
Mr. Yul JABOUR (Venezuela)

TWELVE PLUS GROUP

Ms. Josette DURRIEU (France)
Mr. Averof NEOFYTOU (Cyprus)
Mr. Pacheco DUARTE (Portugal)

STANDING COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE AND TRADE

AFRICAN GROUP

Ms. Carolina CERQUEIRA (Angola)
Mr. Amadou CISSÉ (Mali)
Mr. Hamad R. MOHAMED (United Republic of Tanzania)

ARAB GROUP

Mr. Jamal AL OMAR (Kuwait)
Mr. Yassine JABER (Lebanon)
Ms. Zeinebou ELY SALEM (Mauritania)

ASIA-PACIFIC GROUP

Ms. Nola MARINO (Australia)
Ms. Saumura TIOULONG (Cambodia)*
Mr. Ilyas Ahmed BILOUR (Pakistan)

EURASIA GROUP

Mr. Sergey GAVRILOV (Russian Federation)
Vacancy
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GRULAC

Ms. Ninfa HUARACHI CONDORI (Bolivia)
Mr. Roberto LEÓN (Chile) – *President*
Mr. Fernando BUSTAMANTE (Ecuador)

TWELVE PLUS GROUP

Ms. Sabine DE BETHUNE (Belgium)*
Mr. Orla HAV (Denmark) – *Vice-President*
Ms. Marija OBRADOVIĆ (Serbia)

STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

AFRICAN GROUP

Mr. Jean Albert AGBRÉ TOUNI (Côte d'Ivoire)
Mr. David Pkosing LOSIAKOU (Kenya)
Ms. Aissatou DIOUF (Senegal)

ARAB GROUP

Ms. Jameela NASSIF (Bahrain)
Mr. Rafia ABDUL-JABBAR (Iraq)
Mr. Youssef ASSAAD (Syrian Arab Republic)

ASIA-PACIFIC GROUP

Ms. Farkhunda NADERI (Afghanistan) – *President*
Ms. LORK Kheng (Cambodia)
Mr. Shafqat MAHMOOD (Pakistan)

EURASIA GROUP

Ms. Alla NAUMCHIK (Belarus)
Ms. Elena VTORYGINA (Russian Federation)
Vacancy

GRULAC

Mr. Juan Manuel GALÁN (Colombia) – *Vice-President*
Ms. Karina SOSA (El Salvador)
Mr. André MISIEKABA (Suriname)

TWELVE PLUS GROUP

Ms. Skevi KOUTRA-KOUKOUMA (Cyprus)
Ms. Louisa WALL (New Zealand)
Mr. Claude JANIAC (Switzerland)

STANDING COMMITTEE ON UNITED NATIONS AFFAIRS

AFRICAN GROUP

Mr. Seddik CHIHEB (Algeria)*
Mr. Mélégué TRAORÉ (Burkina Faso)
Ms. Catherine Nabwala MUKIITE (Kenya)

ARAB GROUP

Ms. Rachida BENMASSAOUD (Morocco)
Mr. Mohamed EL HASSAN AL AMIN (Sudan) – *Vice-President*
Mr. Ahmed Obaid AL MANSOURI (United Arab Emirates)

ASIA-PACIFIC GROUP

Mr. Saber Hossain CHOWDHURY (Bangladesh)
Ms. Evita NURSANTY (Indonesia)*
Mr. Javad JAHANGIRZADEH (Islamic Rep. of Iran)*

EURASIA GROUP

Mr. Mikhail MARGELOV (Russian Federation)
Vacancy
Vacancy

GRULAC

Ms. Graciela ORTIZ GONZÁLEZ (Mexico)
Ms. Iris MONTENEGRO (Nicaragua)
Mr. José Carlos MAHÍA (Uruguay)

TWELVE PLUS GROUP

Mr. Dennis DAWSON (Canada)
Ms. Katri KOMI (Finland)
Ms. Dionysia-Theodora AVGERINOPOULOU (Greece) – *President*

- ♦ **List of delegates:** The final List of Delegates will be published on the IPU website (<http://www.ipu.org>).
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **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 Registration Desk (ground floor, CICG), today, Thursday, 16 October, between 12 noon and 2 p.m. Please note that only Swiss francs are accepted.
- ♦ **Results of the 131st Assembly and related meetings:** All delegations will receive two printed copies of the Results of the Assembly. Members of the IPU are also reminded that the different sections of the Brochure will be accessible from the IPU website (<http://www.ipu.org>) two weeks after the close of the Assembly. In addition, a complete electronic version of the Results may be downloaded from the IPU website in PDF format.
- ♦ **Summary records of the Assembly, the Governing Council and the Standing Committees** will be made available before the next Assembly.

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, CICG). ***

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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 131st ASSEMBLY

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

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Today, 16 October 2014, the Governing Council will hold elections as outlined below.

PRESIDENT OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

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.

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**.

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**.

The following candidatures have 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.

The following candidature has been received:

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

Group of Facilitators for Cyprus

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

The following candidature has been received:

- Mr. P. Burke (Ireland).

APPOINTMENT OF TWO INTERNAL AUDITORS FOR THE 2015 ACCOUNTS

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

The following candidature has been received:

- Mr. D. Pacheco (Portugal), submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

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