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Time	Meeting	Place
9 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights Interactive debate on <i>Democracy in the digital era and the threat to privacy and individual freedoms</i> <i>Moderators:</i> Ms. Birgitta Jónsdóttir, MP (Iceland), Mr. Ha-Jin Jhun, MP (Republic of Korea) <i>Discussants:</i> Mr. Danny O'Brien, International Director, Electronic Frontier Foundation, Mr. Hernán Vales, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights	Room 241 2 nd floor, NCC
11.30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.	Interactive debate on <i>The Convention on the Rights of the Child 25 years on: Are children's lives better?</i> <i>Moderator:</i> Dr. Stephen Atwood <i>Discussants:</i> Mr. Daniel Toole, Regional Director for East Asia and the Pacific, UNICEF, Ms. Anne Lindboe, Norwegian Ombudsperson for Children, Ms. Lediana Mafuru Mng'ongo, MP (United Rep. of Tanzania), Ms. Thi Phong Tong, MP (Viet Nam)	
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Governing Council At this sitting, the Governing Council will continue its consideration of items remaining on the agenda and hold the following elections: <ul style="list-style-type: none">› Election of one member to the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians› Election of four members to the Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law› Election of three members to the Executive Committee	Banquet Hall 1 st floor, NCC
11 a.m.	Endorsement ceremony for the <i>Common Principles for Support to Parliament</i> Parliaments are encouraged to endorse the Common Principles by notifying the IPU Secretariat in writing. Heads of delegation of parliaments that have already endorsed the Common Principles are invited to sign the poster, which can be found opposite the Registration and Information Service.	
2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	Open consultation on the next <i>Global Parliamentary Report</i> The open consultation is an opportunity for everyone to provide their views on the proposed themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">› Parliament's power to hold government to account: Realities and perspectives› The place of money, lobbying and ethics in parliamentary life› How parliaments respond to crisis situations	Room 343 3 rd floor, NCC
2.30 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Governing Council At this sitting, the Governing Council will complete its consideration of the items remaining on its agenda.	Banquet Hall 1 st floor, NCC

¹ Information as at 31 March, at 6 p.m.

3 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. **Side event on *Eliminating risks of nuclear war by accident, cyber-attack or conflict escalation***, organized by the IPU and Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament (PNND) **Room 309
3rd floor, NCC**

5 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. **Assembly** **Banquet Hall
1st floor, NCC**

- ◆ **Item 4:** Cyber warfare – A serious threat to peace and global security (*Standing Committee on Peace and International Security*)

Rapporteur: Ms. S. Taqawi (Bahrain)

- › Adoption of the draft resolution

- ◆ **Item 5:** Shaping a new system of water governance: Promoting parliamentary action on water (*Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade*)

Rapporteur: Ms. N. Marino (Australia)

- › Adoption of the draft resolution

- ◆ **Item 6:** 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*)

Rapporteur: Ms. F. Naderi (Afghanistan)

- › Adoption of the draft resolution

- ◆ **Item 7:** Reports of the Standing Committees

- ◆ **Item 8:** Approval of the subject items for the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security and the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade for the 134th Assembly and appointment of the Rapporteurs

- › *Terrorism: The need to enhance global cooperation against the threat to democracy and individual rights (Standing Committee on Peace and International Security)*

Co-Rapporteurs: – *To be announced (India)*
– *To be announced*

- › *Ensuring lasting protection against destruction and deterioration for the tangible and intangible cultural heritage of humanity (Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade)*

Co-Rapporteurs: – *Mr. A. Destexhe (Belgium)*
– *To be announced*

- ◆ **Item 3:** General Debate on *The Sustainable Development Goals: Turning words into action*

- › Adoption of the Hanoi Declaration

Closure of the Assembly

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OTHER INFORMATION

- ◆ Further to the decisions of the geopolitical groups, the composition of the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians and of the Bureaux of the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security and the Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs is as follows (* = new member; (T) = titular; (S) = substitute):

COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS

AFRICAN GROUP

Ms. Margaret MENSAH-WILLIAMS (Namibia) (T) – *President*
Ms. Betty AMONGI (Uganda) (T)
Ms. Joséphine NZE MOUENIDIAMBOU (Gabon)* (S)
Ms. Mah SEMETTA (Mauritania) (S)

ARAB GROUP

Ms. Amneh AL-GARAGEER (Jordan)* (T)
Ms. Fawziya AL FARSI (Oman) (T) – *Second Vice-President*
Ms. Ala TALABANI (Iraq) (S)
Ms. Soulef KOUSANTINI (Tunisia) (S)

ASIA-PACIFIC GROUP

Ms. Waseqa Ayesha KHAN (Bangladesh)* (T)
Ms. Eva ABDULLA (Maldives) (T)
Ms. Elay ERSHAD (Afghanistan) (S)
Ms. Arifa KHALID PARVEZ (Pakistan) (S)

EURASIA GROUP

Ms. Heghine BISHARYAN (Armenia) (T)
Ms. Valentina PETRENKO (Russian Federation) (T)
Ms. Elena SHAMAL (Belarus) (S)
Ms. Olga TIMOFEEVA (Russian Federation) (S)

GRULAC

Ms. María Alexandra OCLES PADILLA (Ecuador) (T)
Ms. Dolores PADIERNA LUNA (Mexico) (T)
Ms. María HIGONET (Argentina) (S)
Ms. Orfelina Liseloth ARIAS MEDRANO (Dominican Republic) (S)

TWELVE PLUS GROUP

Ms. Michèle ANDRÉ (France) (T)
Ms. Ulrika KARLSSON (Sweden) (T) – *First Vice-President*
Ms. Salma ATAULLAHJAN (Canada) (S)
Ms. Petra ERNSTBERGER (Germany) (S)

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

AFRICAN GROUP

Mr. Philippe NZENGUÉ MAYILA (Gabon)
Mr. Johannes Raseriti TAU (South Africa) – *President*
Ms. Esther BANDA (Zambia)*

ARAB GROUP

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

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Ms. Shukria BARAKZAI (Afghanistan)
Mr. Raj Kumar SINGH (India)*
Mr. Moayed HOSSEINI SADR (Islamic Republic of Iran)

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Ms. Karine ATSHEMYAN (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

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

STANDING COMMITTEE ON UNITED NATIONS AFFAIRS

AFRICAN GROUP

Mr. Seddik CHIEB (Algeria)
Mr. Duma G. BOKO (Botswana)*
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. Abul Kalam AZAD (Bangladesh)*
Ms. Evita NURSANTY (Indonesia)
Mr. Javad JAHANGIRZADEH (Islamic Republic of Iran)

EURASIA GROUP

Mr. Konstantin KOSACHEV (Russian Federation)*
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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)
Mr. Anti AVSAN (Sweden)* – *President (proposed by Bureau)*

- ♦ **List of delegates:** The final List of Delegates has been distributed in the pigeonholes of delegations and will be published on the IPU website (<http://www.ipu.org>).
- ♦ **Results of the 132nd 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 #IPU132 (www.twitter.com/ipuparliament). For the Meeting on Women Parliamentarians, please use #WomenMPs. To follow the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU, please use #YoungMPs.



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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 132nd ASSEMBLY

Today, 1st April 2015, the Governing Council will hold elections as outlined below.

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. A. Habibou (Niger): candidature submitted by the African Group;
- Mr. S. Suzuki (Japan): candidature submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group;
- Mr. N. Schrijver (Netherlands): candidature 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 member**.

The following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. A.A. Alaradi (Bahrain): candidature submitted by the Speaker of the Council of Representatives of Bahrain;
- Mr. N. Colmenares (Philippines): candidature submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group;
- Mr. A. Hashim Ali Mahdi (Sudan): candidature submitted by the National Assembly of Sudan.

Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

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

The following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. N. Ali Assegaf (Indonesia) and Mr. M.R.H. Harraj (Pakistan): candidatures submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group;
- Mr. T. Ravn (Denmark): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

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STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights

The following elections will be held today:

Six vacancies: Three vacancies for the Arab Group, at least one of which must be filled by a woman, and one vacancy each for the Eurasia Group (to be filled by a man), GRULAC and the Twelve Plus Group (to be filled in both cases by a man or a woman).

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. M.N. Abdrabbou (Iraq), Ms. J. Alsammak (Bahrain) and Ms. F. Dib (Syrian Arab Republic): candidatures submitted by the Arab Group;
- Mr. G. Rondón Fudinaga (Peru): candidature submitted by GRULAC;
- Ms. A. King (New Zealand): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade

Due to lack of quorum at the last sitting of the Committee, elections have been deferred to the 133rd Assembly. Current submissions by geopolitical groups are indicated below.

Seven vacancies: One vacancy each for the African Group to be filled by a man or a woman, and the Asia-Pacific Group to be filled by a man; two vacancies for the Eurasia Group and three vacancies for the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC), at least one of which must be filled by a woman.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. F. Musendu Flungu (Democratic Republic of the Congo): candidature submitted by the African Group;
- Mr. N. Singh (India): candidature submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group;
- Mr. J.A. Coloma (Chile), Mr. J. León Rivero (Peru) and Ms. G. Cuevas (Mexico): candidatures submitted by GRULAC.

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