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# 133<sup>rd</sup> IPU ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

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## Convocation of the 133<sup>rd</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

Geneva, 17 - 21 October 2015

Dear Madam President,  
Dear Mr. President,

The 133<sup>rd</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and related meetings will be held at the *Centre international de Conférences de Genève* (CICG), Geneva (Switzerland), from Saturday, 17 to Wednesday, 21 October 2015.

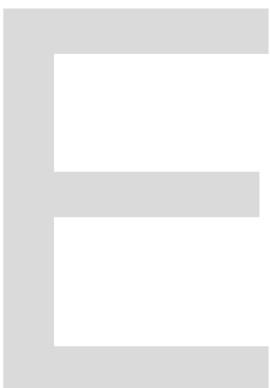
### AGENDA

1. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the 133<sup>rd</sup> Assembly
2. Consideration of requests for the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda
3. General Debate on *The moral and economic imperative for fairer, smarter and more humane migration*
4. Democracy in the digital era and the threat to privacy and individual freedoms (*Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights*)
5. Reports of the Standing Committees on Peace and International Security; Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade; and United Nations Affairs
6. Approval of the subject item for the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights at the 135<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly and appointment of the Rapporteurs

### TIMETABLE

The Timetable of the Assembly and related meetings is set out in [Annex 1](#).

The Governing Council will convene on 18 and 21 October. It will consider and take decisions on a host of matters relating to the functioning and activities of the IPU. The Assembly, in turn, will adopt resolutions on the emergency item chosen for the Assembly, as well as on the subject item considered by the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights. It is expected that the Assembly will conclude its business by 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 21 October.



## EMERGENCY ITEM

According to Assembly Rule 11.1 and Article 14.2 of the Statutes, any Member of the IPU may request the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda. If the Assembly so decides, the emergency item will be debated by the Assembly in the morning of Monday, 19 October 2015. Provision has also been made later that day for a drafting committee to meet in order to prepare a draft resolution.

## WORK OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

All four Standing Committees will meet during the 133<sup>rd</sup> IPU Assembly.

The Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights will discuss and adopt a resolution on the issue of *Democracy in the digital era and the threat to privacy and individual freedoms*.

The other three Standing Committees will hold hearings and panel discussions on the basis of recommendations from their respective Bureaux. The draft agendas of the Standing Committees are attached.

Members are invited to actively participate in the proceedings of the Standing Committees. Each Standing Committee Bureau will also meet to discuss and draw up their respective future work programmes. It is therefore important for all Bureaux members to attend the Geneva Assembly as part of their national delegations.

A joint meeting of the Presidents of the Standing Committees and the Chairpersons of the Geopolitical Groups will take place on **Saturday, 17 October, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.** The respective Presidents and Chairpersons are invited to attend this important meeting.

## PARTICIPATION

IPU Members may appoint a maximum of eight delegates, or 10 for parliaments of countries with a population of 100 million inhabitants or more. Please note that the number of additional MPs accompanying delegations as Advisers must not exceed two.

All Member Parliaments are encouraged to strive for gender parity in the composition of their delegations. Any delegation which, for three consecutive sessions of the Assembly, is composed exclusively of parliamentarians of the same sex, shall automatically be reduced by one person.

According to the Statutes and Rules of the IPU, Member Parliaments are invited to include young members of parliament in their delegation. A meeting of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU will be held on 18 October (see agenda in attachment), which will formulate and provide a youth perspective to the deliberations of the Assembly. To the extent possible, and in order to ensure continuity in the work of the Forum, Members are encouraged to include in their delegation the young parliamentarians who participated in the recent IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians (Tokyo, May 2015 - <http://www.ipu.org/splze/youngMP15.htm>).

IPU Members whose arrears equal or exceed the amount of the contributions due from them for the preceding two full years shall not be represented by more than two delegates at meetings of the IPU (Article 5.2 of the Statutes).

Associate Members may participate in the Assembly and its Standing Committees with the same rights as Members, with the exception of the right to vote and to present candidates for elective office.

International organizations and other bodies invited by the Governing Council to be represented at the Assembly as Observers are entitled to send a maximum of two delegates.

Delegates are kindly requested to take note of the fact that the Plenary Hall, where the meetings of the Assembly and Governing Council are held, has limited seating capacity. Depending on actual attendance at the 133<sup>rd</sup> Assembly, the Secretariat will endeavour to allocate an adequate number of seats for all delegations. At a minimum, each delegation will be allocated a sufficient number of seats required for a possible vote by the Assembly or Governing Council.

## STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee of the Assembly is composed of the President of the Assembly, the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Vice-President of the Executive Committee. The Presidents of the Standing Committees may take part in its work in an advisory capacity.

The Steering Committee, assisted by the IPU Secretary General, is mandated to take all appropriate measures to ensure the effective organization and smooth running of the Assembly proceedings. The first sitting of the Steering Committee is scheduled for Sunday, 18 October 2015, early in the morning.

## VACANCIES TO BE FILLED DURING THE 133<sup>rd</sup> ASSEMBLY

A provisional list of vacancies for IPU bodies will be posted on the IPU website three months prior to the opening of the Geneva Assembly; an updated version will be circulated to Members six weeks ahead of the event.

All Members are encouraged to consider submitting candidatures for the main committees and bodies of the IPU (<http://www.ipu.org/strct-e/comtees.htm>). Candidates should have the expertise as far as possible in the areas of work of the given structures, and should be supported by their respective parliament in carrying out their functions as IPU office-holders.

## PREPARATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS AND SELECTION OF AGENDA ITEMS

All Members can contribute to the drafting of resolutions by submitting a brief written input (Article 13.1 of the Rules of the Standing Committees). At the 133<sup>rd</sup> Assembly, Member Parliaments will be expected to adopt a resolution on *Democracy in the digital era and the threat to privacy and individual freedoms* (issue discussed and negotiated by the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights).

The provisional calendar for the preparation of the draft resolution is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
22 May 2015	Deadline for submission of written input by Member Parliaments. Contributions have been made available to the co-Rapporteurs to assist them in drafting the resolution.
17 August 2015	IPU Secretariat distributes the draft resolution to Member Parliaments in English and French.
2 October 2015	Deadline for proposed amendments to the draft resolution by Member Parliaments.
17 to 21 October 2015	During the 133 <sup>rd</sup> IPU Assembly, the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights will meet to debate and adopt the draft resolution.
21 October 2015	Adoption by the Assembly of the Standing Committee's resolution.

In accordance with the Rules of the Standing Committees, proposals for subject items to be taken up by Standing Committees need to be submitted no later than 15 days before the opening of the Assembly preceding the one where the subject will be discussed. As such, Members are encouraged to submit to the IPU Secretariat by 2 October 2015 at the latest their proposals for future subject items to be taken up by the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights during the 135<sup>th</sup> Assembly.

## GENERAL DEBATE (Item 3 of the agenda)

As indicated in the agenda, the General Debate at the 133<sup>rd</sup> Assembly will focus on the overall theme of ***The moral and economic imperative for fairer, smarter and more humane migration***. A concept note is attached to help guide the debate.

In accordance with the Assembly Rules and unless the Steering Committee decides otherwise, every delegation shall be entitled to eight minutes' speaking time in the General Debate. When two speakers from the same delegation are registered for the Debate, speaking time will be shared as appropriate.

By decision of the IPU Governing Council, the speaking time for Observers will be five minutes. Flexibility will be shown in the case of executive heads of organizations within the United Nations system who wish to address the IPU.

Registration will take place at the speakers' registration desk, situated just outside the main entrance to the Plenary Hall (Room 1) on the first floor of the CICG. This desk will open 24 hours before the beginning of the first plenary of the Assembly, on Saturday, 17 October at 11 a.m.

Members also have the option of sending the names of their speaker(s) in advance to the IPU Secretariat by e-mail or fax, using the attached "Speakers pre-registration form" ([Annex 3](#)).

Pre-registration will be considered valid once the final order of speakers has been determined by the traditional public drawing of lots at 6 p.m. on Saturday, 17 October 2015 (cf. Art. 23.2 of the Rules of the Assembly).

## VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE ASSEMBLY

According to Rule 7.3 of the Assembly Rules, all parliamentary delegations are entitled to designate one of their members as a Vice-President of the Assembly. Some of them will be called upon to replace the President of the Assembly during a sitting or part of a sitting.

Upon arrival at the IPU Registration Desk in Geneva, delegations are invited to indicate the name of the parliamentarian from their delegation nominated as a Vice-President of the Assembly.

## TABLE SHOWING THE ALLOCATION OF VOTES

A provisional table showing the votes allocated to delegations to the 133<sup>rd</sup> Assembly is contained in [Annex 2](#).

Members are kindly requested to check the figures for their countries and, if necessary, inform the IPU Secretariat in Geneva in writing of any modifications. The final table showing the allocation of votes at the Assembly will be distributed at the opening of the session.

## LANGUAGES

The IPU Secretariat will provide simultaneous interpretation into and from its two official languages: English and French, as well as Arabic and Spanish at the meetings of all statutory bodies.

Four other interpretation channels have been reserved for Chinese, Japanese, Portuguese and Russian at sittings of the Assembly and the Governing Council, and for some sessions of the Standing Committees. These booths are provided free of charge and may be used by the interpretation teams of these languages, if the parliaments concerned choose to do so.

Delegates may, exceptionally, use another language provided that they arrange for their speech to be interpreted into one of the IPU's official languages by a member of their delegation who will be given access to an interpretation booth. To allow for all necessary arrangements to be made in good time, delegations should contact, well in advance, the Chief Interpreter (Ms. F. Steinig-Huang) or the English booth interpreters assigned to the meeting at which the speech will be delivered. Moreover, eight copies of the translation of the speech into one of the IPU's official languages should be given to the Chief Interpreter or to the English booth for distribution to the other interpreters.

## MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES

The following IPU bodies will also meet during the Assembly:

- Governing Council (18 and 21 October, *public sittings*);
- Executive Committee (15, 16 and 20 October, *in camera*);
- Sub-Committee on Finance (14 October, *in camera*);
- Meeting of Women Parliamentarians (17 and 20 October, *public sittings*);
- Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU (18 October, *public sittings*).

- Coordinating Committee of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians (17 and 21 October, *in camera*);
- Gender Partnership Group (16 and 20 October, *in camera*);
- Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians (16 to 20 October, *in camera*);
- Committee on Middle East Questions (17 and 19 October, *in camera*);
- Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law (20 October).

The Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP) will also meet at the CICG during the Assembly. It will be convened by its President.

As decided by the Governing Council, the IPU will partner with UNICEF and the World Future Council in designating the 2015 Future Policy Award in the area of securing children's rights. The announcement of the winning policies will be made during a special ceremony in the evening of Tuesday, 20 October.

### POST-ASSEMBLY MEETING – 22 OCTOBER 2015

A half-day event organized by the IPU in conjunction with the ASGP will be held on Thursday, 22 October, at IPU Headquarters. Detailed information on the event will be sent out shortly to all Members.

### RESULTS OF THE ASSEMBLY

All delegations will receive two printed copies of the *Results* of the 133<sup>rd</sup> Assembly. In addition, the document will become accessible on the IPU website two weeks after the close of the Assembly, when a complete electronic version can be downloaded in PDF format.

### REGISTRATION

**All delegations are requested to respect the registration deadline of 2 October 2015.**

All Members are encouraged to use the IPU online registration system. Annex 4 provides instructions on how to use the system, which will be operational as of 1 July 2015. Please note the recommendation that only one person be designated as the delegation coordinator and have access to the system.

Should you encounter any difficulties, please contact the registration service at [postbox@ipu.org](mailto:postbox@ipu.org). If for any reason your parliament is unable to register online, either send an e-mail to the same address, or a fax to +41 22 919 41 60 and you will receive a registration form. The same contact details are valid should your delegation need to register after the online registration system has closed on 2 October 2015.

The Registration and Information Service will be open at the CICG between 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, 17 October and from Sunday, 18 to Wednesday, 21 October from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Please be advised that this Service can hand over delegation badges to Permanent Missions in Geneva only if a signed letter of authorization has been received from the Member Parliament. Even when badges have been collected by Permanent Missions, delegations are kindly requested to contact the Registration and Information Service to verify the accuracy of the information contained in the List of Participants.

### PARTICIPANTS' E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Delegation coordinators are requested to provide the e-mail addresses of their delegation members so that the IPU Secretariat can send them regular updates on the work of the IPU.

### HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

October is a particularly busy month for hotels in Geneva. Delegates are therefore advised to make their hotel reservations as soon as possible. Those delegations from countries with a Permanent Mission in Geneva are invited to contact their respective Mission, as they are accustomed to receiving delegations to UN meetings and handling hotel reservations. Many of them have agreements for preferential rates with hotels close to the Palais des Nations area and the CICG.

For those Members without diplomatic representation in Geneva, as well as Associate Members and official observers, the IPU Secretariat has pre-booked a limited number of rooms at three hotels in Geneva (Ibis Genève Centre Nations – 3-star as well as at the Warwick and Crowne Plaza hotels – 4-star, with prices ranging from CHF 185 to 250, including taxes and in some instances also breakfast).

The booking conditions are very strict and delegates are advised to respect the deadline of each hotel as indicated on the form, as after this date, the preferential negotiated rates will no longer be available and the rooms will be released. Please contact the IPU Secretariat should you wish to receive the corresponding hotel reservation form by fax: +41 22 919 41 60 or e-mail: [postbox@ipu.org](mailto:postbox@ipu.org).

In keeping with the practice of hotels in Geneva, only reservations made with a credit card guarantee will be confirmed. It is also possible to make reservations online via the Tourist Office's website at: [www.geneve-tourisme.ch/en/accommodation](http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch/en/accommodation).

## VISAS

Switzerland is an Associate Member of the Schengen Agreement and part of the Schengen area. The Visa Information System (VIS) was introduced in the Schengen area in October 2011, which stores biometric data (fingerprints and facial image) of the Schengen visa applicant. All Swiss embassies and consulates are gradually being connected to the VIS system.

All visa applicants are required to make an appointment with the Swiss embassy/consulate and submit and register their biometric data in person. This data remains valid in the VIS system for a period of five years.

An official document explaining the implementation of the VIS system, registration of biometric data and the rollout timetable for Swiss embassies/consulates connected to the VIS system is available at [www.bfm.admin.ch/content/bfm/en/home/themen/einreise/einfuehrung\\_vis.html](http://www.bfm.admin.ch/content/bfm/en/home/themen/einreise/einfuehrung_vis.html).

The time needed to obtain a visa depends greatly on local circumstances. In addition, Switzerland has signed agreements with certain countries where it is not represented by a diplomatic or consular entity. Under certain conditions these agreements allow for the issuing of visas by a Schengen State in a country where Switzerland is not represented. It is therefore highly recommended that applicants enquire directly with the Swiss embassy/consulate in their country of residence or consult the appropriate website. Appointments for submitting and registering biometric data must therefore be taken well in advance, according to the information provided by the Swiss authorities. Kindly note that following Switzerland's entry into the Schengen area, visas are no longer issued upon arrival at Geneva International Airport.

It is our hope that your parliament will be represented at the 133<sup>rd</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and that the delegation, under your leadership, will take an active part in the proceedings.

Yours sincerely,



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Secretary General  
of the Inter-Parliamentary Union




Saber CHOWDHURY  
President  
of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

## GENERAL TIMETABLE OF THE 133<sup>rd</sup> ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

Geneva, 14 to 21 October 2015





### Wednesday, 14 October 2015

	10.00 – 13.00	Sub-Committee on Finance*
	15.00 – 18.00	Main meeting room, IPU Headquarters

### Thursday, 15 October 2015

	10.00 – 13.00	Executive Committee*
	15.00 – 18.00	Main meeting room, IPU Headquarters

### Friday, 16 October 2015

	09.00 – 10.00	Gender Partnership Group* Main meeting room, IPU Headquarters
	09.30 – 13.00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians* (venue to be confirmed)
	10.00 – 13.00	Executive Committee* Main meeting room, IPU Headquarters
	14.30 – 18.00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians* (venue to be confirmed)
	15.00 – 18.00	Executive Committee* Main meeting room, IPU Headquarters

### Saturday, 17 October 2015

	14.00 – 19.00	Beginning of Registration Lobby, CICG
	10.00 – 12.00	Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians* Main meeting room, IPU Headquarters
	11.00 – 12.30	Joint Meeting with the Chairs of the Geopolitical Groups and the Presidents of the Standing Committees* Room 18, level -1, CICG
	14.00 – 15.00	Meeting of Advisers and Secretaries to delegations Rooms 3 & 4, level 0, CICG
	14.30 – 18.00	<b>Meeting of Women Parliamentarians</b> Room 2, level 0, CICG
	14.30 – 18.00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians* Room 15, level -1, CICG
	14.30 – 18.00	Committee on Middle East Questions* Room 18, level -1, CICG

\* in camera

## Sunday, 18 October 2015

	08.00 – 09.00	<b>Assembly Steering Committee*</b> <i>VIP Lounge, level 3, CICG</i>
	09.00 – 10.00	Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians* <i>Room 18, level -1, CICG</i>
	09.00 – 10.45	<b>Governing Council</b> <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i>
	09.30 – 13.00	<b>Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights</b> Presentation and debate of draft resolution on <i>Democracy in the digital era and the threat to privacy and individual freedoms</i> <i>Rooms 3 &amp; 4, level 0, CICG</i>
	10.00 – 13.00	<b>Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU</b> <i>Room 18, level -1, CICG</i>
	11.00 – 12.30	Bureau of the Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs* <i>Room 15, level -1, CICG</i>
<b>ASGP</b>	11.00 – 12.30	ASGP Meeting <i>Rooms 5 &amp; 6, level 3, CICG</i>
	11.00 – 13.00	<b>Assembly:</b> Start of the General Debate on <i>The moral and economic imperative for a fairer, smarter and more humane migration</i> <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i>
	14.30 – 17.30	<b>Assembly:</b> General Debate <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i>
	14.30 – 17.30	<b>Standing Committee on Peace and International Security</b> Experts hearing on <i>"Terrorism: The need to enhance global cooperation against the threat to democracy and individual rights"</i> <i>Room 2, level 0, CICG</i>
<b>ASGP</b>	14.30 – 17.30	ASGP Meeting <i>Rooms 5 &amp; 6, level 3, CICG</i>
	14.30 – 18.00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians* <i>Room 15, level -1, CICG</i>
	14.30 – 18.30	<b>Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights</b> Drafting in plenary of the draft resolution <i>Rooms 3 &amp; 4, level 0, CICG</i>
	17.30 – 18.30	<b>Assembly:</b> Decision on the emergency item <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i>

\* *in camera*



## Monday, 19 October 2015

	09.00 – 13.00 09.00 – 10.30 10.30 – 13.00	<b>Assembly</b> - Debate on the emergency item, and - Continuation of the General Debate <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i>
	09.00 – 10.30	Bureau of the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade* <i>Room 18, level -1, CICG</i>
	09.30 – 13.00	<b>Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights</b> Conclusion of drafting in plenary of the draft resolution <i>Rooms 3 &amp; 4, level 0, CICG</i>
	09.30 – 13.00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians* <i>Room 15, level -1, CICG</i>
<b>ASGP</b>	10.00 – 12.30	ASGP Meeting <i>Rooms 5 &amp; 6, level 3, CICG</i>
	11.00 – 13.00	Committee on Middle East Questions* <i>Room 18, level -1, CICG</i>
	14.30 – 16.00	Bureau of the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security* <i>Room 15, level -1, CICG</i>
<b>ASGP</b>	14.30 – 17.30	ASGP Meeting <i>Rooms 5 &amp; 6, level 3, CICG</i>
	14.30 – 18.30	<b>Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade</b> - Segment on the <i>Parliamentary contribution to the 2015 UN Climate Change Conference</i> , and - Debate on <i>Ensuring lasting protection against destruction and deterioration for the tangible and intangible cultural heritage of humanity</i> <i>Room 2, level 0, CICG</i>
	14.30 – 18.30	<b>Assembly:</b> Continuation of the General Debate <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i>
	14.30 – 18.30	Possible drafting committee on the emergency item* <i>Room 18, level -1, CICG</i>
	16.30 – 18.30	Bureau of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights* <i>Room 15, level -1, CICG</i>





\* *in camera*

## Tuesday, 20 October 2015

	09.00 – 10.00	Gender Partnership Group* <i>Room 18, level -1, CICG</i>
	09.00 – 11.00	<b>Panel discussion on <i>Parliamentary action in meeting international commitments to counter terrorism</i></b> <i>Rooms 3 &amp; 4, level 0, CICG</i>
	09.30 – 13.00	<b>Parity debate</b> organized by the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians <i>Room 2, level 0, CICG</i>
<b>ASGP</b>	10.00 – 12.30	ASGP Meeting <i>Rooms 5 &amp; 6, level 3, CICG</i>
	10.00 – 12.30	Executive Committee* <i>Room 18, level -1, CICG</i>
	11.30 – 13.00	<b>Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights</b> Adoption of the draft resolution <i>Rooms 3 &amp; 4, level 0, CICG</i>
	14.30 – 16.30	Open session of the Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law <i>Rooms 3 &amp; 4, level 0, CICG</i>
<b>ASGP</b>	14.30 – 17.30	ASGP Meeting <i>Rooms 5 &amp; 6, level 3, CICG</i>
	14.30 – 18.00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians* <i>Room 15, level -1, CICG</i>
	14.30 – 18.30	<b>Assembly</b> - Adoption of the resolution on the emergency item, and - Conclusion of the General Debate <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i>
	14.30 – 18.30	<b>Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs</b> - Review of the work of the UN Peacebuilding Commission - Discussion on the role of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in the settlement of international disputes <i>Room 2, level 0, CICG</i>
	17.00 – 18.30	Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law* <i>Room 18, level -1, CICG</i>

\* *in camera*

## Wednesday, 21 October 2015

	08.00 – 10.00	Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians* <i>Room 18, level -1, CICG</i>
	09.30 – 13.00	<b>Governing Council</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Resolutions on the human rights of MPs, and</li><li>- Reports of specialized meetings</li></ul> <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i>
<b>ASGP</b>	10.00 – 12.30	ASGP Meeting <i>Rooms 5 &amp; 6, level 3, CICG</i>
	14.30	<b>Governing Council</b> <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i>
	At the end of the Governing Council	<b>Assembly</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Adoption of resolutions</li><li>- Reports of the Standing Committees</li><li>- Outcome document of the General debate, and</li><li>- Closing sitting</li></ul> <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i>

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**Legend:**

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Governing Council



Committees /  
Panel discussions



Other Assembly events,  
including *in camera*  
sessions



\* *in camera*





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## **Concept note for the General Debate on *The moral and economic imperative for fairer, smarter and more humane migration***

In today's interconnected world migration is increasing in scale, scope and complexity. Human mobility across borders level has considerable benefits in terms of positive development outcomes for countries of origin and destination and for migrants themselves.

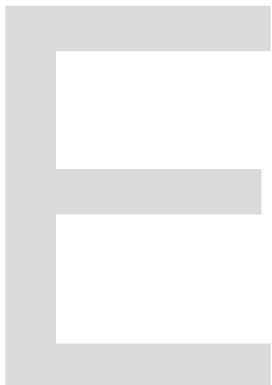
Yet despite the obvious advantages, headline news about migration also point to its disadvantages. Xenophobia is on the rise in many parts of the world in the face of economic downturn, as well as the challenges to social cohesion and identity - perceived or real – experienced by migrants. Tragic tales abound about shipwrecked, drowned or otherwise helpless refugees and migrants in the Mediterranean Sea, the Bay of Bengal and the Andaman Sea.

These headlines underscore the “human face” of migration, the different motives compelling people to move, important developmental, social and economic factors that at play, as well as misconceptions and myths about migration.

Parliamentarians have a critical role to play in ensuring a meaningful, balanced and informed debate about migration and promoting fair and effective policies that maximize its benefits but also address the real challenges that host, transit and origin countries and migrants face.

The General Debate aims to foster discussion around the following questions:

- What are the hallmarks of fair and effective migration policies that make labour migration a win-win situation for all concerned? What are the responsibilities of host, transit and countries of origin? How can irregular economic migration be dealt with in a manner that is respectful of human rights?
- How can significant flows of refugees and others seeking protection be handled, in particular when they are part of mixed movements comprising economic migrants? Is the off-shore processing of asylum-seekers' claims and resettlement in third countries an effective way to prevent them from risking (further) perilous journeys to safety? What are the best solutions for absorbing large numbers of refugees and how does the principle of regional and international solidarity fit in? What lessons can be learned from past experience?
- How to do away with negative stereotypes attached to refugees and migrants in order to combat xenophobia and address perceived or real challenges to social cohesion and national identity? What are the responsibilities of migrants in their host country?







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Standing Committee on  
Peace and International Security

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## Draft agenda

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Approval of the summary records of the Committee's session held on the occasion of the 132<sup>nd</sup> IPU Assembly in Hanoi (March/April 2015)**

3. **Elections to the Bureau**

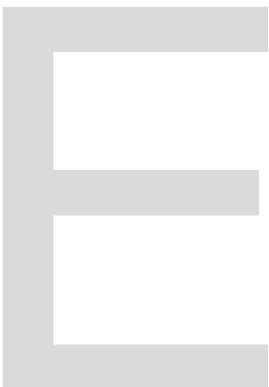
The Committee will fill the existing vacancies on the Bureau based on proposals from the geopolitical groups.

4. **Expert hearing on *Terrorism: The need to enhance global cooperation against the threat to democracy and individual rights***

Democracy faces a number of threats, one of the major ones being terrorism. Acts of terrorism are increasingly being perpetrated and have taken on an international dimension as there is hardly any part of the world left untouched by this scourge today. The Standing Committee on Peace and International Security, following the inclusion of an emergency item on terrorism on the agenda of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Assembly, decided that the IPU should take a more proactive approach, debate global cooperation to combat terrorism and, in 2016, at the 134<sup>th</sup> Assembly, adopt a resolution aimed at ensuring stronger and more effective cooperation in the field of counter-terrorism.

The Committee will hold a hearing on the issue, inviting prominent speakers to offer their perspectives on current trends, opportunities, challenges and possible parliamentary action to be taken through law-making, policy-shaping and oversight. It will also serve as a basis for the drafting of the resolution by the two co-Rapporteurs.

5. **Any other business**









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Standing Committee on  
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Finance and Trade

C-II/133/A.1  
15 June 2015

## Draft agenda

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Approval of the summary records of the Committee's session held on the occasion of the 132<sup>nd</sup> IPU Assembly in Hanoi (March/April 2015)**

3. **Elections to the Bureau**

The Committee will fill the existing vacancies on the Bureau based on proposals from the geopolitical groups. The committee will also be invited to elect its president from among the Bureau members.

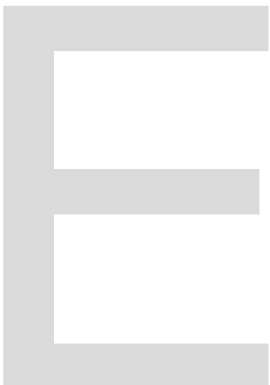
4. **Parliamentary contribution to the 2015 UN Climate Change Conference**

In the run-up to the Parliamentary Meeting co-organized by the IPU and the French Parliament on 5 and 6 December in conjunction with COP21/CMP11, the Committee will be briefed on practical arrangements for the Meeting in Paris and will have an exchange of views on a pre-draft of the outcome document and the Parliamentary Action Plan on Climate Change.

5. **Debate on *Ensuring lasting protection against destruction and deterioration for the tangible and intangible cultural heritage of humanity***

This debate will be organized around the theme of the future Committee resolution, expected to be adopted at the 134<sup>th</sup> Assembly in Lusaka. The debate will provide the Committee with an opportunity to exchange views about challenges that stand in the way of lasting protection of the tangible and intangible heritage of humanity. It will also provide the co-Rapporteurs with initial information about how IPU Member Parliaments approach this issue.

6. **Any other business**







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4. **Debate on and adoption of a resolution on *Democracy in the digital era and the threat to privacy and individual freedoms***
5. **Any other business**

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Standing Committee on  
United Nations Affairs

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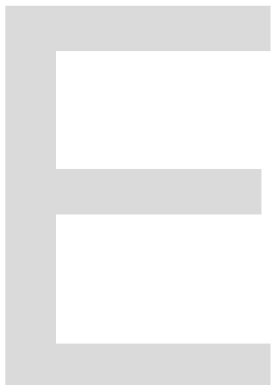
**4. Review of the work of the UN Peacebuilding Commission (PBC)**

The PBC was instituted 10 years ago to help consolidate peace in post-conflict countries. A UN General Assembly resolution subsequently invited the PBC to work closely with the national parliaments of the countries involved. Two reviews of the PBC's performance thus far are underway and will be issued in June. The Committee will take stock of those reviews including possible findings on how parliament's involvement in the work of the PBC. The discussion could lead to recommendations on how the work of the PBC could be further improved.

**5. Discussion on the role of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in the settlement of international disputes**

The ICJ is a UN Charter-based body designed to facilitate the peaceful settlement of disputes through recourse to international law. These include territorial disputes, questions of interpretation of bilateral or multilateral treaties, diplomatic protection, human rights, international humanitarian law, environmental law, the protection of living resources and human health. Despite a strong record (130 cases heard in the past 70 years), the majority of UN Member States that are party to the ICJ do not recognize its jurisdiction as compulsory. In an effort to promote universal recognition of the ICJ's jurisdiction, a group of Member States (led by Switzerland and the Netherlands) have produced a Handbook for decision-makers and the public at large. The Committee will hear a presentation of the Handbook and engage in a discussion with some of its sponsors as a way of mobilizing support for the ICJ among parliamentarians.

**6. Any other business**







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### 1. Adoption of the agenda

### 2. Election of Members of the Board of the Forum from the Eurasia Group

Two seats remain vacant on the Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians following the elections held in October 2014 at the 131<sup>st</sup> Assembly. The two seats are to be filled by one man and one woman from the Eurasia Group.

### 3. Contribution to the work of the 133<sup>rd</sup> Assembly

Members of the Forum will share their views from a youth perspective on the draft resolution under consideration at the 133<sup>rd</sup> Assembly on *Democracy in the digital era and the threat to privacy and individual freedoms* by the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights.

Members will review the Forum's Report presented in May 2015 to the co-Rapporteurs of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights. They may wish to draw up additional recommendations to present to the Standing Committee.

Members will also share their views from a youth perspective on the debates and hearings that will be organized by the other Standing Committees during the 133<sup>rd</sup> Assembly.

Members will consider how to include a youth perspective in other proceedings and outcomes of the 133<sup>rd</sup> Assembly, including on the theme of the General Debate, *The moral and economic imperative for fairer, smarter and more humane migration*.

### 4. Update and discussion on the Forum's workplan and activities (2015-2016)

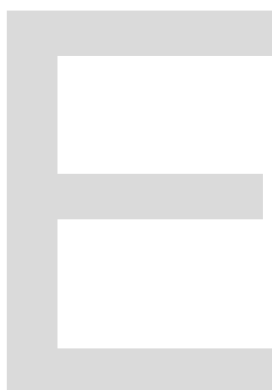
The President of the Board will present a report on recent activities and future plans.

Members will exchange views on activities already conducted by the IPU in 2015 and others scheduled to take place to support youth participation.

### 5. Preparations for the 134<sup>th</sup> Assembly

The Forum will prepare for its next meeting by discussing the reports that are to be prepared by members of the Forum on the main areas of work of IPU Committees, including the resolutions of the 134<sup>th</sup> Assembly.

### 6. Any other business







**PROVISIONAL TABLE SHOWING THE ALLOCATION OF VOTES  
AT THE 133<sup>rd</sup> ASSEMBLY**  
(According to Article 15.2 of the Statutes)

MEMBERS		Votes under (a)	Population in millions	Votes under (b)	Total number of votes
1.	Afghanistan	10	24.1	4	14
2.	Albania	10	3.0	1	11
3.	Algeria	10	33.2	5	15
4.	Andorra	10	0.08	0	10
5.	Angola	10	8.3	2	12
6.	Argentina	10	41.0	6	16
7.	Armenia	10	3.4	1	11
8.	Australia	10	21.0	4	14
9.	Austria	10	7.8	2	12
10.	Azerbaijan	10	9.5	2	12
11.	Bahrain	10	0.7	0	10
12.	Bangladesh	10	153.0	10	20
13.	Belarus	10	10.2	3	13
14.	Belgium	10	9.9	2	12
15.	Benin	10	7.6	2	12
16.	Bhutan	10	0.7	0	10
17.	Bolivia	10	6.7	2	12
18.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	10	4.3	1	11
19.	Botswana	10	1.3	1	11
20.	Brazil	10	146.0	10	20
21.	Bulgaria	10	8.5	2	12
22.	Burkina Faso	10	10.4	3	13
23.	Burundi	10	5.2	2	12
24.	Cambodia	10	10.7	3	13
25.	Cameroon	10	12.9	3	13
26.	Canada	10	30.8	5	15
27.	Cape-Verde	10	0.3	0	10
28.	Chad	10	11.3	3	13
29.	Chile	10	15.1	3	13
30.	China	10	1,200.0	13	23
31.	Colombia	10	29.5	4	14
32.	Congo	10	1.9	1	11
33.	Costa Rica	10	3.3	1	11
34.	Côte d'Ivoire	10	15.5	3	13
35.	Croatia	10	4.8	1	11
36.	Cuba	10	10.2	3	13
37.	Cyprus	10	0.7	0	10
38.	Czech Republic	10	10.5	3	13
39.	Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	10	20.9	4	14
40.	Dem. Republic of the Congo	10	56.8	7	17
41.	Denmark	10	5.2	2	12
42.	Djibouti	10	0.79	0	10
43.	Dominican Republic	10	9.0	2	12
44.	Ecuador	10	14.0	3	13
45.	El Salvador	10	5.3	2	12
46.	Equatorial Guinea	10	1.0	1	11
47.	Estonia	10	1.5	1	11
48.	Ethiopia	10	87.9	9	19
49.	Federated States of Micronesia	10	0.10	0	10

MEMBERS		Votes under (a)	Population in millions	Votes under (b)	Total number of votes
50.	Finland	10	5.4	2	12
51.	France	10	65.8	8	18
52.	Gabon	10	1.0	1	11
53.	Gambia	10	1.5	1	11
54.	Georgia	10	4.7	1	11
55.	Germany	10	81.3	9	19
56.	Ghana	10	25.0	4	14
57.	Greece	10	10.2	3	13
58.	Guatemala	10	8.2	2	12
59.	Guinea	10	10.6	3	13
60.	Guinea-Bissau	10	1.5	1	11
61.	Haiti	10	10.2	3	13
62.	Honduras	10	8.1	2	12
63.	Hungary	10	10.4	3	13
64.	Iceland	10	0.31	0	10
65.	India	10	1,000.3	13	23
66.	Indonesia	10	206.0	12	22
67.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	10	60.5	8	18
68.	Iraq	10	26.7	4	14
69.	Ireland	10	4.5	1	11
70.	Israel	10	6.7	2	12
71.	Italy	10	57.0	7	17
72.	Japan	10	123.6	10	20
73.	Jordan	10	5.5	2	12
74.	Kazakhstan	10	17.0	3	13
75.	Kenya	10	38.6	5	15
76.	Kuwait	10	2.2	1	11
77.	Kyrgyzstan	10	4.5	1	11
78.	Lao People's Dem. Rep.	10	5.6	2	12
79.	Latvia	10	2.7	1	11
80.	Lebanon	10	2.4	1	11
81.	Lesotho	10	2.1	1	11
82.	Libya	10	3.9	1	11
83.	Liechtenstein	10	0.3	0	10
84.	Lithuania	10	3.9	1	11
85.	Luxembourg	10	0.4	0	10
86.	Madagascar	10	20.6	4	14
87.	Malawi	10	13.9	3	13
88.	Malaysia	10	22.7	4	14
89.	Maldives	10	0.35	0	10
90.	Mali	10	16.4	3	13
91.	Malta	10	0.3	0	10
92.	Mauritania	10	3.1	1	11
93.	Mauritius	10	1.02	1	11
94.	Mexico	10	104.0	10	20
95.	Monaco	10	0.03	0	10
96.	Mongolia	10	2.9	1	11
97.	Montenegro	10	0.62	0	10
98.	Morocco	10	31.5	5	15
99.	Mozambique	10	12.1	3	13
100.	Myanmar	10	60.3	8	18
101.	Namibia	10	1.5	1	11

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102.	Nepal	10	26.4	4	14
103.	Netherlands	10	15.3	3	13
104.	New Zealand	10	4.4	1	11
105.	Nicaragua	10	5.1	2	12
106.	Niger	10	16.5	3	13
107.	Nigeria	10	140.4	10	20
108.	Norway	10	5.0	2	12
109.	Oman	10	2.5	1	11
110.	Pakistan	10	160.9	11	21
111.	Palau	10	0.02	0	10
112.	Palestine	10	3.9	1	11
113.	Panama	10	1.7	1	11
114.	Papua New Guinea	10	3.0	1	11
115.	Paraguay	10	5.7	2	12
116.	Peru	10	23.0	4	14
117.	Philippines	10	62.1	8	18
118.	Poland	10	38.5	5	15
119.	Portugal	10	10.3	3	13
120.	Qatar	10	0.88	0	10
121.	Republic of Korea	10	50.8	7	17
122.	Republic of Moldova	10	4.3	1	11
123.	Romania	10	23.0	4	14
124.	Russian Federation	10	148.8	10	20
125.	Rwanda	10	6.2	2	12
126.	Samoa	10	0.17	0	10
127.	San Marino	10	0.02	0	10
128.	Sao Tome and Principe	10	0.16	0	10
129.	Saudi Arabia	10	27.1	4	14
130.	Senegal	10	7.0	2	12
131.	Serbia	10	9.7	2	12
132.	Seychelles	10	0.08	0	10
133.	Sierra Leone	10	4.9	1	11
134.	Singapore	10	5.08	2	12
135.	Slovakia	10	5.2	2	12
136.	Slovenia	10	1.9	1	11
137.	Somalia	10	10.4	3	13
138.	South Africa	10	51.7	7	17
139.	Spain	10	39.4	5	15
140.	South Sudan	10	10.0	3	13
141.	Sri Lanka	10	17.0	3	13
142.	Sudan	10	33.4	5	15
143.	Suriname	10	0.4	0	10
144.	Sweden	10	8.7	2	12
145.	Switzerland	10	6.7	2	12
146.	Syrian Arab Republic	10	12.5	3	13
147.	Tajikistan	10	5.1	2	12
148.	Thailand	10	60.1	8	18
149.	The fYR of Macedonia	10	2.3	1	11
150.	Timor-Leste	10	0.92	0	10
151.	Togo	10	5.4	2	12
152.	Tonga	10	0.10	0	10
153.	Trinidad and Tobago	10	1.22	1	11
154.	Tunisia	10	10.2	3	13

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155.	Turkey	10	64.5	8	18
156.	Uganda	10	17.0	3	13
157.	Ukraine	10	50.1	7	17
158.	United Arab Emirates	10	2.5	1	11
159.	United Kingdom	10	60.2	8	18
160.	United Rep. of Tanzania	10	34.4	5	15
161.	Uruguay	10	3.2	1	11
162.	Venezuela	10	18.1	3	13
163.	Viet Nam	10	90.3	9	19
164.	Yemen	10	10.5	3	13
165.	Zambia	10	10.9	3	13
166.	Zimbabwe	10	10.4	3	13



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## SPEAKERS' PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

GENERAL DEBATE ON THE THEME

***THE MORAL AND ECONOMIC IMPERATIVE FOR FAIRER,  
SMARTER AND MORE HUMANE MIGRATION***

(ITEM 3 OF THE AGENDA)

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## Explanatory note on IPU online registration

The IPU Secretariat online registration system can be accessed through the IPU website, on the 133<sup>rd</sup> Assembly page, simply by clicking on the Registration button. The system will be open from 1 July and will close on 2 October 2015, after which delegates should register with the IPU registration service: [registration@ipu.org](mailto:registration@ipu.org).

**Important:** It is recommended that all participants designate one delegation coordinator, who will be the sole user of the online registration system and will choose a password.

The registration process is as follows:

1. Sign up for an account and enter the requested details on this page. If you registered successfully for either the 131<sup>st</sup> or 132<sup>nd</sup> Assemblies, your identification information is still valid and may be used.

If the IPU Secretariat has opened an account on your behalf using your parliament's official e-mail address, you are invited to contact the IPU at [registration@ipu.org](mailto:registration@ipu.org) for more information.

2. Once you have successfully created an account, sign in using your user name and password.
3. Click on "Register for this event" to register for the 133<sup>rd</sup> Assembly.
4. Click on "Start registration" to register your delegation. In your capacity as delegation coordinator, do not forget to include yourself if you plan to attend the event.
5. Please ensure that all information relating to membership in IPU governing bodies and committees is included under: "Title or function within the IPU"; details pertaining to your national parliament should be included under: "Title/function in Parliament/Organization".
6. It will be possible to make changes to your data until 2 October 2015, after which you should contact the IPU directly at [registration@ipu.org](mailto:registration@ipu.org).

The registration process includes a **validation phase**, during which system administrators will examine your registration. Once your registration has been validated, you will be sent a confirmation e-mail. Otherwise, one of our administrators will contact you for any action that requires follow-up.

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