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

Geneva, 17 – 21.10.2015

No. 1

## JOURNAL<sup>1</sup> Saturday, 17 October 2015

| Time                 | Meeting   | Place  |
|----------------------|---|--|
| 10 a.m. – 12 noon    | Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians  | Main meeting room<br>IPU headquarters<br>(in camera) |
| 11 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. | Joint Meeting of Chairpersons of Geopolitical Groups and Presidents of Standing Committees  | Room 18<br>level -1, CIGG<br>(in camera)             |
| 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.      | Meeting of Advisers and Secretaries to delegations  | Rooms 5 & 6<br>level 3, CIGG                         |
| 2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.   | Meeting of Women Parliamentarians   | Room 2<br>level 0, CIGG                              |
| 2.30 p.m. – 3 p.m.   | w Discussion on gender activities at IPU Assemblies   |  |
| 3 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.   | w Working session to contribute to the IPU resolution on <i>Democracy in the digital era and the threat to privacy and individual freedoms</i>  |  |
| 4.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.   | w Panel discussion, contributing to the general debate, on <i>Women's experiences as migrants and refugees: Human rights and socioeconomic perspectives</i> , with Ms. Ismat Jahan, UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), and Mr. Laurent de Boeck, International Organization for Migration (IOM) |  |
| 2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.   | Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians   | Room 15<br>level -1, CIGG<br>(in camera)             |
| 2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.   | Committee on Middle East Questions  | Room 18<br>level -1, CIGG<br>(in camera)             |

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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.

Interpretation. 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) through 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.

<sup>1</sup> Information as at 6 p.m. on 16 October.

## Preview of main programme for Sunday, 18 October

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| 9 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.   | <b>Governing Council</b>   | Room 1<br>level 1, CIG      |
| 9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.    | <b>Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights</b><br>– Presentation and debate of draft resolution on <i>Democracy in the digital era and the threat to privacy and individual freedoms</i>  | Rooms 3 & 4<br>level 0, CIG |
| 2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. | – Drafting of resolution in plenary  |                             |
| 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.      | <b>Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU</b><br>– Contribution to the work of the 133 <sup>rd</sup> Assembly<br>– Update and discussion on the Forum's workplan and activities (2015-2016)<br>– Preparations for the 134 <sup>th</sup> Assembly<br>– Q & A with Mr. A.E. Seif El-Dawla, Chief of Section, UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee                                   | Room 18<br>level -1, CIG    |
| 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.      | <b>Assembly</b><br>– Start of general debate on <i>The moral and economic imperative for a fairer, smarter and more humane migration</i><br>– Opening addresses by Mr. William Lacy Swing, Director General of the IOM; Mr. Guy Ryder, Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO); and Ms. Cécile Kashetu Kyenge, Vice-President of the ACP–EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly | Room 1<br>level 1, CIG      |
| 2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. | – Continuation of general debate   |                             |
| 5.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. | – Decision on emergency item   |                             |
| 2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. | <b>Standing Committee on Peace and International Security</b><br>Expert hearing on <i>Terrorism: The need to enhance global cooperation against the threat to democracy and individual rights</i>  | Room 2<br>level 0, CIG      |

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## OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### Sunday, 18 October 2015

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| 2 p.m. – 2.30 p.m. | <b>Screening of the documentary film <i>I Am Not Here</i>, produced by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)</b><br>A short introduction to the film will be given by Ms. Pia Oberoi, Advisor on Migration and Human Rights, OHCHR | Room 1<br>level 1, CIG |
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### Monday, 19 October 2015

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| 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.  | <b>Information session on the IPU's work and activities, open to all delegates</b>   | Room 2<br>level 0, CIG |
| 10.30 a.m. – 10.45 a.m. | <b>During the Assembly:</b><br>– Special segment on the humanitarian dimension of migration, with Ms. Christine Beerli, Vice-President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), and Mr. Volker Türk, Assistant UN High Commissioner for Refugees  | Room 1<br>level 1, CIG |
| 12.30 p.m. – 1 p.m.     | – Launch of the Handbook for Parliamentarians on <i>Migration, human rights and governance</i> , produced jointly by the IPU, ILO and OHCHR  |                        |
| 3 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.      | – Interactive debate with Ms. Margaret Chan, Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO)   |                        |
| 3.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.   | <b>Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade</b><br>– Segment on <i>Parliamentary contribution to the 2015 UN Climate Change Conference</i><br>– Debate on <i>Ensuring lasting protection against destruction and deterioration for the tangible and intangible cultural heritage of humanity</i> | Room 2<br>level 0, CIG |

**Tuesday, 20 October 2015**

- 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. **Panel discussion on *Parliamentary action in meeting international commitments to counter terrorism*** Rooms 3 & 4 level 0, CICG
- 9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. **Parity debate on *Parliamentary oversight and political will, organized by the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians*** Room 2 level 0, CICG
- 12 noon – 1 p.m. **During the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians:** Room 2 level 0, CICG  
Panel debate on *CEDAW and UN Security Council resolution 1325 on women, peace and security: Gender equality as an indispensable element of sustainable peace and security*
- 1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m. **Side event – *Monitor, review and act: Parliamentary leadership in implementing the Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents’ Health, organized by the IPU, WHO and The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH)*** Room 18 level -1, CICG
- 2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. **Open session of the Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law on *The humanitarian dimension of forced migration – asylum-seekers and refugees. From emergency responses to comprehensive approaches*** Rooms 3 & 4 level 0, CICG
- 2.30 p.m. – 6.15 p.m. **Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs** Room 2 level 0, CICG  
– 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
- 2.45 p.m. – 3.15 p.m. **During the Assembly:** Room 1 level 1, CICG  
Special segment on counter-terrorism, with Mr. Yury Fedotov, Executive Director, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and Mr. Jean-Paul Laborde, Assistant Secretary-General, Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), United Nations Security Council
- 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. **Future Policy Award Ceremony, followed by reception** (Events area, level 1, CICG) Room 2 level 0, CICG

**Wednesday, 21 October 2015**

- 2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. **Panel discussion on *Powerful parliaments: Building capacity for effective parliamentary oversight, jointly organized by the IPU and ASGP*** Rooms 3 & 4 level 0, CICG

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**OTHER INFORMATION**

- w **List of participants:** Delegations are reminded that the provisional list of participants will be published on the IPU website ([www.ipu.org](http://www.ipu.org)) and that only a limited number of printed copies will be available. In order to ensure the accuracy of the final list of participants, delegations are kindly requested to report any changes to Ms. Marina Filippin at the Registration Desk by **12 noon on Tuesday, 20 October**. The final list of participants will be published on the IPU website.
- w **Global Parliamentary Report:** In addition to the parity debate and panel discussion taking place on Tuesday, 20 October, and Wednesday, 21 October, respectively, delegates are invited to participate in a survey and face-to-face interviews on parliamentary oversight. For further information, please visit the stand in front of the coffee bar on level 0 or contact Ms. Patricia Goldschmid (survey) and Ms. Doris Niragire Nirere (interviews) at [gpr@ipu.org](mailto:gpr@ipu.org).
- w **Information stand on migration conventions:** Delegates are invited to visit the stand, located on level 1 of the CICG, to find out more information about the ratification and implementation of international conventions and to affirm their commitment by joining the IPU’s network on the topic and signing the “Taking Action on Migration” banner.
- w **IPU gift items:** IPU logo gift items will be on sale at a stand located on level 1 of the CICG, near the plenary hall (Room 1), after the escalator and next to the information stand on migration conventions. The stand will be open from Monday, 19 to Wednesday, 21 October, between 12 noon and 2 p.m. Please note that only cash in Swiss francs (CHF) will be accepted.

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## MEDIA INFORMATION



Take part in or follow the Assembly debates through **Twitter** using #IPU133 ([www.twitter.com/ipuparliament](http://www.twitter.com/ipuparliament)). For the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians, please use #WomenMPs. To follow the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU, please use #YoungMPs.



Photos from the Assembly are available for free download and use at <http://www.ipu.org/133pics>.

\*\*\* For all media enquiries, contact Jemini Pandya (Office 7, IPU Secretariat area, level 2, CICG, tel. 022 791 9429) \*\*\*

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

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

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On 21 October 2015, 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 (IPU Secretariat area, level 2, CICG) up to 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 20 October 2015.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Governing Council will be required to elect **eight members**: two members each for the African Group, the Asia-Pacific Group and the Twelve Plus Group; and one member each for the Eurasia Group and the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC). Geopolitical groups are reminded that, in order to respect the Statutes, at least one of the candidates elected should be a woman.

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

- Mr. K. Jalali (Islamic Republic of Iran): candidature submitted by the Islamic Parliament of Iran;
- Ms. C. Cerqueira (Angola): candidature submitted by the National Assembly of Angola;
- Mr. Tran Van Hang (Viet Nam): candidature supported by the National Assembly of Viet Nam.

### COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

#### Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

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

#### Committee on Middle East Questions

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

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

- Ms. N. Motsamai (Lesotho): candidature submitted as titular member.

#### Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

The Governing Council will be required to elect **three members**: two members (one man and one woman) for the Twelve Plus Group; and one member (male) for the Eurasia Group.

#### Group of Facilitators for Cyprus

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

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### FORUM OF YOUNG PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE IPU

At its meeting on Sunday, 18 October 2015, the Forum will elect two members to its Board (one man and one woman) for the Eurasia Group for vacancies that were not filled during the 132<sup>nd</sup> Assembly.

*Candidatures may be submitted up to 3 p.m. today, Saturday, 17 October.*

### STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

At the last sitting of the relevant Standing Committees, the following elections will be held:

#### Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade

**Seven vacancies**: One vacancy each for the African Group and Asia-Pacific Group, to be filled by a man or a woman; three vacancies for GRULAC, to be filled by men and women; 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:*

- 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), Ms. G. Cuevas Barrón (Mexico) and Mr. J. León Rivero (Peru): candidatures submitted by GRULAC.

#### 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

**Three vacancies**: Two vacancies for the Eurasia Group, at least one of which must be filled by a woman; and one vacancy for the Twelve Plus Group to be filled by a woman.

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

### APPOINTMENT OF TWO INTERNAL AUDITORS FOR THE 2016 ACCOUNTS

The Governing Council will appoint **two Internal Auditors** for the 2016 fiscal year.

*Candidatures may be submitted up to 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 20 October 2015.*

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