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Time	Meeting	Place
9 a.m. – 1 p.m. 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Assembly ♦ Item 7 (emergency item) – <i>The war and the severe humanitarian situation in Syria, particularly in Aleppo</i> – Debate	Room 1 level 1, CICG
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	♦ Continuation of the General Debate on <i>Human rights abuses as precursors of conflict: Parliaments as early responders</i>	
9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	Bureau of the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade	Room 18 level -1, CICG (in camera)
9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Information session on the IPU's work and activities, open to all delegates	Room 2 level 0, CICG (English and French only)
9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians	Salle Lausanne CCV Annexe, CICG (in camera)
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Committee on Middle East Questions	Salle Genève CCV Annexe, CICG (in camera)
2.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Bureau of the Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs	Room 18 level -1, CICG (in camera)
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade ♦ Segment on <i>Parliamentary contribution to the 2016 UN Climate Change Conference</i> ♦ Debate on <i>Promoting enhanced international cooperation on the SDGs, in particular on the financial inclusion of women as a driver of development</i>	Room 2 level 0, CICG

¹ Information as at 6 p.m. on 24 October.

2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Assembly	Room 1 level 1, CICG
2.30 p.m. – 3 p.m.	♦ Continuation of the General Debate	
3 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	♦ Special session to mark the 40 th anniversary of the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians, including a Q&A debate	
3.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	♦ Continuation of the General Debate	
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Drafting committee on the emergency item	Salle Genève CCV Annexe, CICG (in camera)
	♦ Composition: Argentina, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Russian Federation	
	<i>Those Geopolitical Groups which have not yet submitted the name of their representatives in the drafting committee are requested to do so before the start of its work.</i>	
4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Bureau of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights	Room 18 level -1, CICG (in camera)
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Preview of main programme for Wednesday, 26 October

9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m. – 12 noon	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security Panel discussions on: – <i>Promoting democratic accountability of the private security sector</i> – <i>Comprehensive disarmament</i>	Room 1 level 1, CICG
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs Panel discussions on: – <i>Funding the United Nations</i> – <i>The UN response to allegations of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse by UN peacekeepers</i>	Rooms 3 & 4 level 0, CICG
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Parity debate on Harassment and violence against parliamentarians: Issues and solutions , organized by the Forum of Women Parliamentarians – Presentation of the <i>Issues brief on sexism, harassment and violence against women parliamentarians</i> – Marking of the 40 th anniversary of the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians	Room 2 level 0, CICG
2.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights ♦ Item 4: <i>The freedom of women to participate in political processes fully, safely and without interference: Building partnerships between men and women to achieve this objective</i> – Adoption of the draft resolution	Rooms 3 & 4 level 0, CICG
2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	Open session of the Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law Panel debate on <i>Refugees, migrants and their hosts – What next?</i>	Salle Genève CCV Annexe, CICG

2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Assembly	Room 1 level 1, CICG
2.30 p.m. – 3 p.m.	♦ Item 7 (emergency item) – <i>The war and the severe humanitarian situation in Syria, particularly in Aleppo</i> – Adoption of the resolution	
3 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	♦ Special segment to mark the 40 th anniversary of the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians Guest speakers: › Mr. Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman of the Senate of Pakistan › Ms. Peggy Hicks, Director of the Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) – Launch of the publication <i>Human Rights – Handbook for Parliamentarians N° 26</i> (English version only – French and Spanish will be published shortly), produced jointly by the IPU and the OHCHR	
3.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	♦ Conclusion of the General Debate on <i>Human rights abuses as precursors of conflict: Parliaments as early responders</i>	
4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade Panel discussion on <i>The role of parliaments in countering the activities of vulture funds</i>	Room 2 level 0, CICG

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OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Today, Tuesday, 25 October 2016

1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	Side event on <i>The role of parliaments in implementing the Paris Agreement</i> , jointly organized by the IPU and International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) A light lunch will be provided.	Room 15 level -1, CICG (<u>English only</u>)
2.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Side event on <i>E-Parliament: Online voting in a parliamentary context</i> , organized by the Twelve Plus Group	Rooms 3 & 4 level 0, CICG (<u>English and French only</u>)
4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Informal panel discussion on <i>How to reconcile growing military expenditures with the realization of our sustainable development commitments</i> , jointly organized by the IPU and the International Peace Bureau	Rooms 3 & 4 level 0, CICG (<u>English and French only</u>)

Thursday, 27 October 2016

10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Side event for African Parliaments on <i>Putting into practice the recommendations of the Abidjan seminar on the implementation of UN Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)</i>	Salle Genève CCV Annexe, CICG (<u>English and French only</u>)
10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Panel discussion on <i>How parliaments change: Developing recommendations for strengthening parliamentary oversight</i> , jointly organized by the IPU and the ASGP	Rooms 3 & 4 level 0, CICG
11 a.m.	During the Governing Council: Launch of the publication <i>International Humanitarian Law – Handbook for Parliamentarians N° 25</i> , produced jointly by the IPU and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	Room 1 level 1, CICG

12.30 p.m. – 2 p.m. **Side event on Nuclear-weapon-free zones and regional security in the Middle East, North-East Asia and Europe**, co-sponsored by the IPU, Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (PNND) and the World Future Council

Room 18
level -1, CICG
(English, French
and Arabic)

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OTHER INFORMATION

- ♦ **Assembly App:** As part of the IPU's PaperSmart policy, an application has been created to facilitate the online consultation of Assembly documents. A user manual is available at <http://www.ipu.org/conf-e/135/app-manual.pdf> and at the Registration and Information Desk. If you would like to receive a personal invitation to download the App, send an email to sas@ipu.org.
- ♦ **Print-on-demand service:** This service is available at the Typing Pool and Photocopying Service for those delegates who wish to obtain additional copies of any documents published on the IPU Assembly web page.
- ♦ **40th anniversary of the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians at the 135th IPU Assembly:** Special events to mark this occasion include a Q&A session featuring personal testimonies, a photo exhibition, debates and the launch of the publication *Human Rights: Handbook for Parliamentarians N° 26*. Details of the events can be found in document [A/135/3/Inf.2](#).
- ♦ **List of participants:** Delegations are reminded that the provisional list of participants has been published on the IPU Assembly web page (<http://www.ipu.org/conf-e/135/participants.pdf>) and that only a limited number of printed copies are 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 Wednesday, 26 October 2016**. The final list of participants will be published on the IPU website.
- ♦ **IPU gift items:** IPU logo gift items are on sale at a stand located on level 0 of the CICG, near the coffee bar. The stand is open until Wednesday, 26 October, between 12 noon and 2 p.m. Please note that only cash in Swiss francs (CHF) are accepted.
- ♦ **Alfred Fried Photography Award exhibition "What does peace look like?":** Delegates are invited to view the exhibition which is on display until 27 October on level 1 of the CICG, at the top of the escalator.
- ♦ **Photo shoot for the IPU's new website:** Current and new members of IPU Working Groups and Committees are kindly invited to a photo shoot for the IPU's new website (<https://beta.ipu.org>). Please go to the Publications Stand on the ground floor (close to the coffee bar) between now and Thursday, 27 October, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., and ask for Ms. Silvia Tomanin or Ms. Suroor Ali Khan.

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MEDIA INFORMATION



Join in the discussions at the Assembly on **Twitter** using #IPU135 (www.twitter.com/ipuparliament). Follow IPU on @IPUparliament, the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians on #WomenMPs and the Forum of Young Parliamentarians on #YoungMPs.



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*** (Offices 212/213, level 2, CICG, tel. 022 791 97 12) ***

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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 135th ASSEMBLY

For more detailed information, please see [Vacancies](#) document. For all vacancies, candidatures should be accompanied by a signed letter and brief (one-page maximum) curriculum vitae.

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On 27 October 2016, the Governing Council will hold elections and make appointments as outlined below. Candidatures may be submitted to the Submission and Control of Documents Service (Office 224/225, level 2, CICG) up to 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 26 October 2016.

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 Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC).

To date the following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. M.I. Valente (Angola): candidature submitted by the National Assembly of Angola and supported by the African Group (to complete the term of Angola);
- Mr. Nguyen Van Giau (Viet Nam): candidature submitted by the National Assembly of Viet Nam and supported by the Asia-Pacific Group (to complete the term of Viet Nam);
- Ms. M.Y. Ferrer Gómez (Cuba): candidature submitted by the National Assembly of Cuba and supported by GRULAC.

COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

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

To date, the following candidature has been received:

- Mr. F. Pinedo (Argentina): candidature submitted by GRULAC.

Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

The Governing Council will be required to elect **three members**: one member (male) each for the Arab Group and the Eurasia Group; and one member (female) for GRULAC.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. K. Zulushev (Kyrgyzstan): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group;
- Ms. D. Figuera (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela): candidature submitted by GRULAC.

APPOINTMENT OF TWO INTERNAL AUDITORS FOR THE 2017 ACCOUNTS

The Governing Council will appoint **two Internal Auditors** for the 2017 fiscal year.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

- Ms. G. Cuevas Barrón (Mexico): candidature submitted by GRULAC.

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STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

Elections to the Bureaux will take place as outlined below.

Candidatures from the respective geopolitical groups, which should highlight the candidate's experience in the relevant field, may be submitted up to the time of the elections.

Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade

Two vacancies: One vacancy for the Eurasia Group, to be filled by a man; and one vacancy for GRULAC, to be filled by a man or a woman.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. C. Tursunbekov (Kyrgyzstan): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group;
- Mr. R.F. Acuña Nuñez (Peru): candidature submitted by GRULAC.

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

Two vacancies: one each for the Asia-Pacific Group and Eurasia Group, to be filled by a man or a woman.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. B. Sampatisiri (Thailand): candidature submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group;
- Mr. A.U. Damirbek (Kyrgyzstan): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group.

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