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135th IPU ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

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Time	Meeting	Place
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Gender Partnership Group	Salle Genève CCV Annexe, CICG (in camera)
9 a.m. – 12 noon	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security Panel discussions:	Room 1 level 1, CICG
9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	Promoting democratic accountability of the private security sector <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Filippo Lombardi, MP (Switzerland) <i>Panellists:</i> Ms. Anna Marie Burdzy, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) Ms. Helen Obregón Gieseken, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	
10.30 a.m. – 12 noon	Comprehensive disarmament <i>Moderator:</i> Senator Laura Rojas (Mexico), President of the Standing Committee <i>Panellists:</i> Dr. Dan Plesch, Director, Centre for International Studies and Diplomacy, SOAS University of London Ms. Denise Pascal Allende, Second Vice-President of the Chilean Chamber of Deputies Mr. Isidor Marcel Sene, member of the UN Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)	
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs ♦ Elections to the Bureau Panel discussions:	Rooms 3 & 4 level 0, CICG
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Funding the United Nations <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Anti Avsan, MP (Sweden), President of the Standing Committee <i>Panellists:</i> Mr. Remo Lalli, Secretary of the High-Level Committee on Management (HLCM), United Nations Ms. Barbara Adams, Board Member, Global Policy Forum Ms. Evita Nursanty, MP (Indonesia) Senator Graciela Ortiz (Mexico)	
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	The UN response to allegations of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse by UN peacekeepers <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Anti Avsan, MP (Sweden), President of the Standing Committee <i>Panellists:</i> Mr. Bernardus Klappe, Senior Military Legal Expert, Office of the Special Coordinator on improving the United Nations response to sexual exploitation and abuse Dr. Shelly Whitman, Executive Director, Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative, Canada (via Skype) Ms. Afra Rashed Albasti, MP (United Arab Emirates) Mr. Edouard Mokolo Wa Mpombo, First Deputy Speaker of the Senate (Democratic Republic of the Congo)	

¹ Information as at 6 p.m. on 25 October.

- 10.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Executive Committee** **Salle Genève**
CCV Annexe, CICG
(in camera)
- 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Parity debate** **Room 2**
level 0, CICG
(organized by the Forum of Women Parliamentarians)
- Harassment and violence against parliamentarians: Issues and solutions***
- Moderator:* Senator Mutula Kilonzo Junior (Kenya)
Panellists: Ms. Fawzia Koofi, MP (Afghanistan)
Mr. Sven Spengemann, MP (Canada)
Ms. Edith Mendoza Fernández, MP (Plurinational State of Bolivia)
- Presentation of the *Issues brief on sexism, harassment and violence against women parliamentarians*
 - Marking of the 40th anniversary of the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians
- 2.30 p.m. – 4 p.m. Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights** **Rooms 3 & 4**
level 0, CICG
- ♦ **Item 4:** *The freedom of women to participate in political processes fully, safely and without interference: Building partnerships between men and women to achieve this objective*
 - Adoption of the draft resolution
 - ♦ Consideration of proposals for the Committee's agenda at the 136th and 137th Assemblies
 - ♦ Election of the Vice-President of the Committee
- 2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. Open briefing session** **Salle Genève**
CCV Annexe, CICG
(Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law)
- Refugees, migrants and their hosts: What next?***
- Moderator:* Mr. Patrick Taran, President, Global Migration Policy Associates
- Panellists:* Ms. Pia Locatelli, MP (Italy)
Mr. Yassine Jaber, MP (Lebanon)
Ms. Ellen Hansen, Senior Policy Adviser to the Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR)
Ms. Michele Klein Solomon, Senior Policy Adviser to the Director General, International Organization for Migration (IOM)
Mr. Daniel Hellé, Diplomatic Adviser, Multilateral Organizations Unit, ICRC
- 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)** – *The war and the severe humanitarian situation in Syria, particularly in Aleppo*
 - Adoption of the resolution
 - 3 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. ♦ Special segment to mark the 40th 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 *Human Rights – Handbook for Parliamentarians N° 26* (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 *Human rights abuses as precursors of conflict: Parliaments as early responders*

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
	<i>Moderator:</i> Ms. Saumura Tioulong, MP (Cambodia), President of the Standing Committee	
	<i>Panellists:</i> Mr. Tiago Stichelmans de Castro Freire, Policy and Networking Analyst, European Network on Debt and Development (Eurodad) Mr. Andrew Gwynne, MP (United Kingdom) Mr. Stéphane Crusnière, MP (Belgium)	

5 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Committee on Middle East Questions	Salle Genève CCV Annexe, CICG <i>(in camera)</i>
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Preview of main programme for Thursday, 27 October

9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. & 2.30 p.m.	Governing Council ♦ Consideration of all remaining items on the agenda	Room 1 level 1, CICG
11 a.m.	♦ 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)	
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
At the end of the Governing Council	Assembly – Closing sitting ♦ Resolution of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights (Item 4) ♦ Reports of the Standing Committees on Peace and International Security; Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade; and United Nations Affairs (Item 5) ♦ Approval of the subject item for the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights at the 137 th IPU Assembly (Item 6) ♦ Outcome document of the General Debate ♦ Closure of the Assembly	Room 1 level 1, CICG

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OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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>
12.30 p.m. – 2 p.m.	Side event on <i>Nuclear-weapon-free zones and regional security in the Middle East, North-East Asia and Europe</i> , co-sponsored by the IPU, Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (PNND) and the World Future Council	Room 18 level -1, CICG <u>(English, French and Arabic)</u>

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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, please 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:** 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 today, 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 today, 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) today or tomorrow, Thursday, 27 October, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., and ask for Ms. Silvia Tomanin or Ms. Suroor Alikhan.

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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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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. today, 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 candidatures have been received:

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

– Mr. K. Örnfjäder (Sweden): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

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STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

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.

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.

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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