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# 135<sup>th</sup> IPU ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

Geneva, 23 – 27.10.2016

No. 5

## JOURNAL<sup>1</sup> Thursday, 27 October 2016

Time	Meeting	Place
8 a.m. – 10 a.m.	<b>Bureau of Women Parliamentarians</b>	<b>Salle Genève CCV Annexe, CICG (in camera)</b>
9 a.m. – 1 p.m. & 2.30 p.m.	<b>Governing Council</b> The Governing Council will complete its consideration of items remaining on its agenda, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>› Reports and decisions of the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians</li><li>› Reports of committees and other bodies</li><li>› Adoption of the programme and budget for 2017 and strategy for 2017-2021</li></ul>	<b>Room 1 level 1, CICG</b>
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) The publication will be launched in the presence of Ms. Christine Beerli, Vice-President of the ICRC.  It will hold the following elections and make the following appointments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>› Election of three members to the Executive Committee</li><li>› Election of one member to the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians</li><li>› Election of three members to the Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law</li><li>› Appointment of two internal auditors for the 2017 accounts</li></ul>	
10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<b>Panel discussion on <i>How parliaments change: Developing recommendations for strengthening parliamentary oversight</i></b> , jointly organized by the IPU and the ASGP  <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Alphonse Nombre, MP (Burkina Faso) <i>Interventions from:</i> Senator Salma Ataullahjan (Canada) Mr. José Manuel Araujo (Portugal), Deputy Secretary General of the Assembly of the Republic Ms. Claressa Surtees (Australia), Deputy Clerk of the House of Representatives	<b>Rooms 3 &amp; 4 level 0, CICG</b>
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	<b>Bureau of the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security</b>	<b>Room 18 level -1, CICG (in camera)</b>

<sup>1</sup> Information as at 6 p.m. on 26 October.

**At the end of the  
Governing Council**

**Assembly – Closing sitting**

**Room 1  
level 1, CIGG**

- ♦ Reports of the Standing Committees on Peace and International Security; Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade; and United Nations Affairs **(Item 5)**
- ♦ The freedom of women to participate in political processes fully, safely and without interference: Building partnerships between men and women to achieve this objective (*Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights*) **(Item 4)**
  - › Adoption of the draft resolution
- ♦ Approval of the subject item for the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights at the 137<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly **(Item 6)**  
*Sharing our diversity: The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Democracy*  
*Co-Rapporteurs:* – Mr. I. Umakhanov (Russian Federation)  
– To be confirmed
- ♦ General Debate on *Human rights abuses as precursors of conflict: Parliaments as early responders* **(Item 3)**
  - › Adoption of the outcome document
- ♦ Concluding remarks by representatives of the Geopolitical Groups
- ♦ Presentation by Bangladesh, host of the 136<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly

**Closure of the Assembly**

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**OTHER EVENTS**

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**Today, Thursday, 27 October 2016**

10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m

**Side event for African Parliaments on *Putting into practice the recommendations of the Abidjan seminar on the implementation of UN Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)***

*Discussant:* Mr. Isidor Marcel Sene, member of the UN Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

Salle Genève  
CCV Annexe, CIGG  
(English and French only)

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

*Chair:* Mr. Duarte Pacheco, MP (Portugal), Vice-President of the IPU Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

*Speakers:* Senator Laura Rojas (Mexico), President of the IPU Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

Mr. Rob van Riet, Director of the World Future Council Disarmament Programme

Ms. Maria Kim, Assistant Coordinator for North-East Asia, PNND

Mr. Alyn Ware, Global Coordinator, PNND

- ♦ Launch of the Arabic edition of the publication *Supporting Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament – Handbook for Parliamentarians N° 19*, produced jointly by the IPU and PNND

The publication will be presented by Senator Salwa Al Damen Masri (Jordan).

Room 18  
level -1, CIGG  
(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, please send an email to [sas@ipu.org](mailto: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.
- ♦ **List of Participants:** The final List of Participants will be published on the IPU website (<http://www.ipu.org>).
- ♦ **Alfred Fried Photography Award exhibition "What does peace look like?":** Delegates are invited to view the exhibition which is on display 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 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. and ask for Ms. Silvia Tomanin or Ms. Suroor Alikhan.
- ♦ **Results of the 135<sup>th</sup> Assembly and related meetings:** 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 can be accessed from the IPU website (<http://www.ipu.org>) and downloaded in PDF format two weeks after the close of the Assembly.
- ♦ **Summary records of the Assembly, the Governing Council and the four Standing Committees** will be made available before the next Assembly.

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## MEDIA INFORMATION

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**Today, Thursday, 27 October 2016** **1.45 p.m. in Salle Genève, CCV Annexe, CICG**

A press conference will be held today on human rights violations of parliamentarians. It will cover decisions taken and adopted by the IPU Governing Council on cases involving the human rights of MPs worldwide.

Speakers: – Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary General of the IPU  
– Mr. Rogier Huizenga, Secretary of the IPU Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

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## VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 135<sup>th</sup> ASSEMBLY

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

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Today, 27 October 2016, the Governing Council will hold elections and make appointments 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 Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC).

*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**.

*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.

*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.

*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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