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136th IPU Assembly

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Convocation

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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

The 136th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and related meetings will be held at the Bangabandhu International Conference Center (BICC) in Dhaka, Bangladesh, from Saturday, 1 April to Wednesday, 5 April 2017

We are pleased to enclose detailed information on these meetings and hope that your Parliament will be represented at the 136th Assembly and that the delegation, under your leadership, will take an active part in the proceedings.

Yours sincerely,

Martin CHUNGONG
Secretary General

Saber CHOWDHURY
President

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INFORMATION ON THE ASSEMBLY

AGENDA

1. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the 136th Assembly
2. Consideration of requests for the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda
3. General Debate on *Redressing inequalities: Delivering on dignity and well-being for all*
4. The role of parliament in preventing outside interference in the internal affairs of sovereign States
(*Standing Committee on Peace and International Security*)
5. Promoting enhanced international cooperation on the SDGs, in particular on the financial inclusion of women as a driver of development
(*Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade*)
6. Reports of the Standing Committees
7. Approval of the subject items for the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security and for the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade for the 138th Assembly and appointment of the Rapporteurs
8. Amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules

TIMETABLE

The Timetable of the Assembly and related meetings is set out in **Annex 1**. The Inaugural Ceremony will take place on Saturday, 1 April 2017 at 7.30 p.m., in Dhaka.

The Governing Council will convene on 2 and 5 April and will consider and take decisions on a host of matters relating to the functioning and activities of the IPU. The convocation of the 200th session of the IPU Governing Council is attached.

The Assembly will start its General Debate on 2 April with the high-level segment reserved for Speakers of Parliament. At its sittings on 4 and 5 April, the Assembly will adopt resolutions on the emergency item and on the subject items taken up by the Standing Committees. The Assembly is expected to conclude with an outcome document on the theme of its General Debate and wrap up business by 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 5 April.

EMERGENCY ITEM

According to Assembly Rule 11.1 and Article 14.2 of the IPU 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, 3 April 2017. Provision has also been made that same afternoon for a drafting committee to meet in order to prepare a draft resolution. The Assembly will then adopt a resolution on 4 April 2017.

All requests for the inclusion of an emergency item must relate to a recent major situation of international concern, on which urgent action by the international community is required and on which it is appropriate for the IPU to express its opinion and mobilize a parliamentary response. All proposals for an emergency item should be accompanied by a brief explanatory memorandum and a draft resolution, which clearly define the scope of the subject covered by the request.

STANDING COMMITTEES

All four Standing Committees will meet during the 136th IPU Assembly.

The Standing Committee on Peace and International Security will discuss and adopt a resolution on *The role of parliament in preventing outside interference in the internal affairs of sovereign States*.

The Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade will discuss and adopt a resolution on the issue of *Promoting enhanced international cooperation on the SDGs, in particular on the financial inclusion of women as a driver of development*.

The other two Standing Committees will hold hearings and panel discussions. The draft agendas of the Standing Committees are attached.

Members are kindly reminded that members of the Standing Committee Bureaux and other IPU office-holders should be included in the national delegations to the Assembly.

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. 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.

Member Parliaments are also encouraged to include young members of parliament in their delegation, i.e. 45 years or below. The IPU Forum of Young Parliamentarians will meet on 2 April 2017. Among other things, the Forum will formulate and provide an input to the deliberations of the Assembly.

In addition to the Secretaries General who will attend the regular session of the Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP), Members are also encouraged to include professional parliamentary staff (IPU focal points) in their delegations, with a view to ensuring adequate support during and in follow-up to the Assembly (in particular in terms of meeting the statutory obligation by Members to prepare and disseminate reports on action undertaken on IPU decisions and resolutions).

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 reminded that they are entitled to register a maximum of two delegates.

The Plenary Hall, where the meetings of the Assembly and Governing Council will be held, has limited seating capacity. The Secretariat will allocate seats for all delegations taking into account the total number of participants in the Assembly. At a minimum, each delegation of a Member Parliament 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 the early morning of Sunday, 2 April 2017.

VACANCIES TO BE FILLED DURING THE 136th ASSEMBLY

A provisional list of vacancies for IPU bodies will be posted on the IPU website prior to the opening of the Assembly.

Member Parliaments 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 bodies, and should be supported by their respective parliament in carrying out their functions as IPU office-holders. New Members of the IPU and Members currently not holding IPU offices are encouraged to submit candidatures.

A joint meeting of the Chairpersons of the Geopolitical Groups and Presidents of the Standing Committees will take place on 1 April, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. The Secretaries of the Geopolitical Groups and Standing Committees are also invited to attend this important meeting.

PREPARATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS AND SELECTION OF AGENDA ITEMS

The deadlines pertaining to the preparation of resolutions for the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security and the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade are the following:

16 December 2016	Deadline for the co-Rapporteurs to submit the draft resolutions and explanatory memorandum to the IPU Secretariat. The Secretariat will then translate and circulate the texts to all Members in early January 2017.
17 March 2017	Deadline for Member Parliaments to submit written amendments to the draft resolutions.
1-4 April 2017	Committees debate, amend and adopt the draft resolutions. Co-Rapporteurs present the draft resolutions and provide advice during the drafting process.
5 April 2017	136 th IPU Assembly formally adopts the resolutions.

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). The deadline for written input to the First and Second Standing Committees has passed (30 September 2016). Members are encouraged to submit input for the draft resolution to be adopted by the Third Standing Committee (Democracy and Human Rights) at the 137th IPU Assembly (October 2017), on *Sharing our diversity: The 20th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Democracy*. Written input to this draft resolution is welcome in the process leading up to the Dhaka Assembly, and no later than 30 April 2017.

In accordance with the Rules of the Standing Committees, proposals for subject items to be taken up by Standing Committees should 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 wishing to do so, should submit to the IPU Secretariat by 17 March 2017 at the latest their proposals for subject items to be taken up by the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security and the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade.

These will serve as the basis for consultations by the respective Standing Committee Bureaux before a final decision is taken by the Standing Committee. When considering the proposals for subject items to be discussed at future Assemblies, the Bureau may recommend one of the proposals, combine two or more of them dealing with the same subject or related subjects into a single item, put forward another subject item or decide to submit more than one proposal to the Standing Committee.

GENERAL DEBATE (Item 3 of the agenda)

The General Debate at the 136th Assembly will focus on the overall theme of *Redressing inequalities: Delivering on dignity and well-being for all*. A concept note on this theme will be posted on the Assembly webpage in due course.

In accordance with the Assembly Rules and unless the Steering Committee decides otherwise, every delegation is entitled to speaking time of eight minutes in the General Debate. When two speakers from the same delegation are registered for the Debate, the eight minutes will be shared as appropriate. By decision of the IPU Governing Council, the speaking time for Observers will be five minutes.

In light of the growing membership of the IPU (and implicitly the growing number of speakers in the General Debate), as well as of the difficulties in time management experienced at recent Assemblies, the Steering Committee may consider limiting speaking time in the General Debate to seven minutes for Members and four minutes for Observers.

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

Members may also send 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 2**). As per established practice, the order of speakers will be determined by a public drawing of lots at 6 p.m. on Saturday, 1 April 2017 (cf. Rule 23.2 of the Rules of the Assembly).

VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE ASSEMBLY

According to Assembly Rule 7.3, all delegations from Member Parliaments 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 Dhaka, delegations are invited to indicate the name of the parliamentarian nominated as a Vice-President of the Assembly. Alternatively, names may be submitted to the Documents Submission and Control Service (IPU Secretariat offices, first floor of the BICC), by Saturday, 1 April 2017, at the latest.

TABLE SHOWING THE ALLOCATION OF VOTES

A provisional table showing the votes allocated to delegations to the 136th Assembly is contained in **Annex 3**.

Member Parliaments are kindly requested to check the figures against their name and, if necessary, inform the IPU Secretariat in Geneva in writing of any modifications required, preferably ahead of the Assembly. The final table showing the allocation of votes at the Assembly will be distributed at the opening of the session.

LANGUAGES AND DOCUMENTATION

The IPU Secretariat will provide simultaneous interpretation into the IPU's working languages (Arabic, English, French 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 sittings of the Standing Committees. These booths are provided free of charge and may be used by the interpretation teams for these languages.

Delegates may, exceptionally, use another language provided that they arrange for their speech to be interpreted into one of the IPU's official languages (English and French) by a person designated by them, 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. Steing-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.

Electronic copies of speeches should be e-mailed in PDF format to speeches@ipu.org, a minimum of three hours before the speech is to be made, so as to also ensure a high quality of simultaneous interpretation into the other working languages

As far as possible, the texts of official statements delivered in the General Debate will be published on the Assembly webpage and will be part of the records of the Assembly. Due to technical limitations, only speeches in English, French and Spanish will be posted. Please note that the IPU Secretariat is not in a position to translate the texts of speeches.

Documentation pertaining to the work of the Assembly, Governing Council, Standing Committees and other IPU bodies, as well as to other events taking place during the 136th Assembly, will be made available on the IPU website at: www.ipu.org/conf-e/136agnd.htm, as well as on the Assembly App.

In keeping with the decision by the IPU governing bodies to reduce the carbon footprint of the Organization and continue to curb paper waste, only a limited number of documentation sets will be printed for the various sittings of the Assembly.

ASSEMBLY APP

A136th Assembly App will be available for downloading free of charge, in early January 2017, as part of the IPU's paper smart policy.

At this stage, the interface is only available in English. French and Spanish language versions will be available in due course. A short users' manual in English and French will be posted on the website and distributed, upon request, at the Registration and Information Desk.

The App is intended to allow the online consultation of official IPU documents and to facilitate delegates' participation in IPU Assemblies.

MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES

The following IPU bodies will also meet during the Assembly:

- Executive Committee (30 and 31 March, and 4 April, *in camera*);
- Sub-Committee on Finance (29 March, *in camera*);
- Forum of Women Parliamentarians (1 April, *public sittings*);
- Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU (2 April, *public sitting*);
- Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU (2 April, *in camera*);
- Bureau of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians (1 and 4 April, *in camera*);
- Gender Partnership Group (31 March and 4 April, *in camera*);
- Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians (31 March to 4 April, *in camera*);
- Committee on Middle East Questions (1 and 3 April, *in camera*);
- Group of Facilitators for Cyprus (2 April, *in camera*);
- Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law (2 April, *in camera*);
- Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS and Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (1 April, *in camera*).

The Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP) will also meet at the BICC and will be convened by its President.

RESULTS OF THE ASSEMBLY

All delegations will receive two printed copies of the *Results* of the 136th 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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Further information concerning the session will be provided in the Assembly Guidebook that will be distributed to delegations upon registration in Dhaka. Delegates will also find every day in all meeting rooms and at the Registration and Information Desk, as well as on the IPU website (www.ipu.org/conf-e/136agnd.htm) and Assembly App, the Journal giving them the latest updates on the programme of meetings and other important information.

REGISTRATION

All delegations are requested to respect the registration deadline of 17 March 2017.

They should kindly use the IPU online registration system. **Annex 4** provides instructions on how to use the system, which will be operational as of 1 December 2016. It is recommended that only one person be designated as the delegation coordinator and have access to the system.

In the event of difficulties, delegations may contact the registration service at postbox@ipu.org. If for any reason a Parliament is unable to register online, the composition of its delegation may be transmitted by either e-mail or fax (+41 22 919 41 60).

The Registration and Information Desk will be open at the BICC as of Thursday, 30 March from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 31 March to 4 April from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., as well as on Wednesday, 5 April from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

DELEGATES' STAY IN DHAKA

For all logistical matters relating to delegates' travel to Dhaka, such as welcome service, hotel reservations, visas, etc., delegations are invited to use the website set up by the Parliament of Bangladesh for the 136th Assembly at: www.ipu136bangladesh.org.

The General Information document, sent with the invitation by the Parliament of Bangladesh, also contains details concerning delegates' stay in Dhaka. Additional information, including options for online hotel reservations, is also available on the host Parliament's website. Requests for hotel reservations should be made as soon as possible. Delegations are reminded that, in keeping with IPU practice, the costs of international travel and hotel accommodation are to be borne by their respective institutions.

Additional information and assistance can be readily obtained from the National Secretariat of the Bangladesh Parliament at:


136 th IPU Assembly Cell	Telephone :	+ 880 2 817 1451
Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat	Fax :	+ 880 2 817 1452
Sangsad Bhaban	e-mail :	ipu136@ipu136bangladesh.org ,
Sher-e-Bangla Nagar		ipu136bd@gmail.com
Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh	Website :	www.ipu136bangladesh.org

The Parliament of Bangladesh is responsible for all matters relating to delegations' accommodation (and visa applications. All communications concerning these matters should therefore be sent directly to the Parliament.


GENERAL TIMETABLE OF THE 136th ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

Dhaka, 1 to 5 April 2017

Wednesday, 29 March 2017

	11:00 - 13:00	Sub-Committee on Finance*
	15:00 - 18:00	<i>Windy Town (first floor), Bangabandhu International Convention Centre (BICC)</i>

Thursday, 30 March 2017

	09.00 – 18.00	Beginning of Registration <i>Main lobby, Bangabandhu International Convention Centre</i>
	10:00 - 13:00 15:00 - 18:00	Executive Committee* <i>Windy Town (first floor, BICC)</i>

Friday, 31 March 2017















	09.00 – 10.00	Gender Partnership Group* <i>Windy Town (first floor, BICC)</i>
	09.30 – 13.00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians* <i>Green View 2 (first floor, BICC)</i>
	10.00 – 13.00	Executive Committee* <i>Windy Town (first floor, BICC)</i>
	14.30 – 18.00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians* <i>Green View 2 (first floor, BICC)</i>
	15.00 - 18.00	Executive Committee* <i>Windy Town (first floor, BICC)</i>

Saturday, 1 April 2017

	08.00 – 09.15	Bureau of Women Parliamentarians* <i>Windy Town (first floor, BICC)</i>
	09.30 – 12.30	Forum of Women Parliamentarians <i>Celebrity Hall (first floor, BICC)</i>
	11.00 – 12.30	Break out Group of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians <i>Windy Town (first floor, BICC)</i>
	11.00 – 12.30	Meeting with the Chairpersons of the Geopolitical Groups and Presidents of Standing Committees* <i>Green View 2 (first floor, BICC)</i>
	14.00 – 15.00	Meeting of Advisers and Secretaries to delegations <i>Harmony Hall (ground floor, BICC)</i>
	14.00 – 18.00	Forum of Women Parliamentarians <i>Celebrity Hall (first floor, BICC)</i>
	14.30 – 17.30	Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS and Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (ENGLISH ONLY)* <i>Green View 1 (first floor, BICC)</i>
	14.30 – 18.00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians* <i>Green View 2 (first floor, BICC)</i>
	15.00 – 18.00	Committee on Middle East Questions* <i>Windy Town (first floor, BICC)</i>
	19.00 – 20.30	Inaugural Ceremony

* *in camera*

Sunday, 2 April 2017

	08.00 – 09.00	Assembly Steering Committee* <i>Elegant room (ground floor, BICC)</i>
	09.00 – 10.00	Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians* <i>Windy Town (first floor, BICC)</i>
	09.00 – 10.45	Governing Council <i>Hall of Fame (ground floor, BICC)</i>
	09.00 – 11.00	Bureau of the Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs* <i>Green View 2 (first floor, BICC)</i>
	09.00 – 12.30	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security Debate on the draft resolution on <i>The role of parliaments in preventing outside interference in the internal affairs of sovereign States</i> <i>Celebrity Hall (first floor, BICC)</i>
	10.00 – 13.00	Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU <i>Carnival Hall (ground floor, BICC)</i>
ASGP	11.00 – 12.30	ASGP Meeting <i>Harmony Hall (ground floor, BICC)</i>
	11.00 – 13.00	Assembly: Start of the General Debate on <i>Redressing inequalities: Delivering on dignity and well-being for all</i> <i>Hall of Fame (ground floor, BICC)</i>
	11.30 – 13.00	Group of Facilitators for Cyprus* <i>Green View 1 (first floor, BICC)</i>
	11.30 – 13.00	Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law* <i>Windy Town (first floor, BICC)</i>
	14.30 – 17.00	Assembly: General Debate <i>Hall of Fame (ground floor, BICC)</i>
ASGP	14.30 – 17.30	ASGP Meeting <i>Harmony Hall (ground floor, BICC)</i>
	14.30 – 17.30	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security Drafting in plenary of the resolution on <i>The role of parliaments in preventing outside interference in the internal affairs of sovereign States</i> <i>Celebrity Hall (first floor, BICC)</i>
	14.30 – 18.00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians* <i>Green View 2 (first floor, BICC)</i>
	14.30 – 18.30	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade Debate and start of drafting in plenary on the draft resolution on <i>Promoting enhanced international cooperation on the SDGs, in particular on the financial inclusion of women as a driver of development</i> <i>Carnival Hall (ground floor, BICC)</i>
	17.00 – 18.30	Assembly : Decision on the emergency item <i>Hall of Fame (ground floor, BICC)</i>

* *in camera*

Monday, 3 April 2017



09.00 – 13.00
09.00 – 10.30
10.30 – 13.00

Assembly

- Debate on the emergency item, and
 - Continuation of the General Debate
- Hall of Fame (ground floor, BICC)*



09.00 – 13.00

Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

Completion of drafting in plenary of the resolution on *The role of parliaments in preventing outside interference in the internal affairs of sovereign States*
Celebrity Hall (first floor, BICC)



09.30 – 12.30

Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights

Debate on the draft resolution to be adopted at the 137th Assembly on *Sharing our diversity: The 20th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Democracy*
Carnival Hall (ground floor, BICC)



09.30 – 13.00

Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians*

Green View 2 (first floor, BICC)

ASGP

10.00 – 12.30

ASGP Meeting

Harmony Hall (ground floor, BICC)

ASGP

14.30 – 17.30

ASGP Meeting

Harmony Hall (ground floor, BICC)



14.30 – 18.30

Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade

Drafting in plenary of the resolution on *Promoting enhanced international cooperation on the SDGs, in particular on the financial inclusion of women as a driver of development*
Carnival Hall (ground floor, BICC)



14.30 – 18.30

Assembly: Continuation of the General Debate

Hall of Fame (ground floor, BICC)



14.30 – 18.30

Possible drafting committee on the emergency item*

Windy Town (first floor, BICC)



14.30 – 16.30

Bureau of the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security*

Green View 2 (first floor, BICC)














17.00 – 18.30

Committee on Middle East Questions*

Green View 2 (first floor, BICC)

* *in camera*

Tuesday, 4 April 2017

	09.00 – 10.00	Gender Partnership Group* <i>Windy Town (first floor, BICC)</i>
	09.00 – 11.00	Bureau of the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade* <i>Green View 2 (first floor, BICC)</i>
	09.00 – 13.00	Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Debate on <i>Parliamentary follow-up on the SDGs in preparation for the 2017 session of the UN High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on sustainable development</i>, and- Panel discussion on the main theme of the 2017 UN HLPF: <i>Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world</i> <i>Celebrity Hall (first floor, BICC)</i>
	09.30 – 12.30	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights Debate on <i>Act now for adolescents: The role of parliamentarians in promoting adolescent health and well-being</i> <i>Carnival Hall (ground floor, BICC)</i>
	10.00 – 12.30	Executive Committee* <i>Windy Town (first floor, BICC)</i>
ASGP	10.00 – 12.30	ASGP Meeting <i>Harmony Hall (ground floor, BICC)</i>
	14.00 – 16.00	Interactive debate on <i>Parliaments in the digital era</i> <i>Carnival Hall (ground floor, BICC)</i>
	14.30 – 16.00	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade Adoption of the draft resolution on <i>Promoting enhanced international cooperation on the SDGs, in particular on the financial inclusion of women as a driver of development</i> <i>Celebrity Hall (first floor, BICC)</i>
ASGP	14.30 – 17.30	ASGP Meeting <i>Harmony Hall (ground floor, BICC)</i>
	14.30 – 18.00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians* <i>Green View 2 (first floor, BICC)</i>
	14.30 – 18.30	Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Adoption of the resolution on the emergency item, and- Conclusion of the General Debate <i>Hall of Fame (ground floor, BICC)</i>
	16.30 – 18.30	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security Adoption of the draft resolution on <i>The role of parliaments in preventing outside interference in the internal affairs of sovereign States</i> <i>Celebrity Hall (first floor, BICC)</i>
	16.30 – 18.30	Bureau of Women Parliamentarians* <i>Windy Town (first floor, BICC)</i>

* *in camera*

Wednesday, 5 April 2017



09.30 – 13.00

Governing Council

- Decisions on the human rights of MPs, and
 - Reports of specialized meetings
- Hall of Fame (ground floor, BICC)*



09.30 – 12.30

Panel Discussion

Carnival Hall (ground floor, BICC)



14.00 – 15.30

Bureau of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights*

Green View 2 (first floor, BICC)



14.30 -

Governing Council

Hall of Fame (ground floor, BICC)



At the end of the
Governing
Council

Assembly

- Adoption of resolutions
 - Reports of the Standing Committees
 - Outcome document of the General debate, and
 - Closing sitting
- Hall of Fame (ground floor, BICC)*

Legend:

Assembly /
Governing Council



Committees /
Panel discussions



Other Assembly events,
including *in camera*
sessions



* *in camera*



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Annex 2

SPEAKERS' PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

GENERAL DEBATE ON THE THEME

REDRESSING INEQUALITIES: DELIVERING ON DIGNITY AND WELL-BEING FOR ALL

(ITEM 3 OF THE AGENDA)

PARLIAMENT OR ORGANIZATION.....

	Please circle one title	Family name	Given name(s)	Is s/he presiding officer (Speaker) of parliament?
1	MR./ MS.			Yes / No
2*	MR./ MS.			Yes / No



*The second speaker is only applicable to IPU Member Parliaments and Associate Members

DATE:

SIGNATURE:

Kindly fill out this form and return it by 6 p.m. (Geneva time) at the latest on 24 March 2017 to the IPU Secretariat at either:

E-mail: postbox@ipu.org or fax number: + 41 22 919 41 60

**PROVISIONAL TABLE SHOWING THE ALLOCATION OF VOTES
AT THE 136th 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	25.7	4	14
6.	Argentina	10	41.0	6	16
7.	Armenia	10	3.4	1	11
8.	Australia	10	21.0	4	14
9.	Austria	10	8.4	2	12
10.	Azerbaijan	10	9.5	2	12
11.	Bahrain	10	1.2	1	11
12.	Bangladesh	10	153.0	10	20
13.	Belarus	10	10.2	3	13
14.	Belgium	10	11.2	3	13
15.	Benin	10	7.6	2	12
16.	Bhutan	10	0.7	0	10
17.	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	10	6.7	2	12
18.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	10	4.3	1	11
19.	Botswana	10	1.3	1	11
20.	Brazil	10	204.4	12	22
21.	Bulgaria	10	8.5	2	12
22.	Burkina Faso	10	10.4	3	13
23.	Burundi	10	10.1	3	13
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.	Comoros	10	0.7	0	10
33.	Congo	10	1.9	1	11
34.	Costa Rica	10	3.3	1	11
35.	Côte d'Ivoire	10	15.5	3	13
36.	Croatia	10	4.8	1	11
37.	Cuba	10	10.2	3	13
38.	Cyprus	10	0.7	0	10
39.	Czech Republic	10	10.5	3	13
40.	Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	10	20.9	4	14
41.	Dem. Republic of the Congo	10	56.8	7	17
42.	Denmark	10	5.2	2	12
43.	Djibouti	10	0.79	0	10
44.	Dominican Republic	10	9.0	2	12
45.	Ecuador	10	14.0	3	13
46.	Egypt	10	85.7	9	19
47.	El Salvador	10	5.3	2	12
48.	Equatorial Guinea	10	1.0	1	11
49.	Estonia	10	1.5	1	11

MEMBERS		Votes under (a)	Population in millions	Votes under (b)	Total number of votes
50.	Ethiopia	10	87.9	9	19
51.	Federated States of Micronesia	10	0.10	0	10
52.	Fiji	10	0.80	0	10
53.	Finland	10	5.4	2	12
54.	France	10	65.8	8	18
55.	Gabon	10	1.0	1	11
56.	Gambia (The)	10	1.5	1	11
57.	Georgia	10	4.7	1	11
58.	Germany	10	81.3	9	19
59.	Ghana	10	25.0	4	14
60.	Greece	10	10.2	3	13
61.	Guatemala	10	8.2	2	12
62.	Guinea	10	10.6	3	13
63.	Guinea-Bissau	10	1.5	1	11
64.	Guyana	10	0.76	0	10
65.	Haiti	10	10.2	3	13
66.	Honduras	10	8.1	2	12
67.	Hungary	10	10.4	3	13
68.	Iceland	10	0.31	0	10
69.	India	10	1,000.3	13	23
70.	Indonesia	10	206.0	12	22
71.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	10	60.5	8	18
72.	Iraq	10	26.7	4	14
73.	Ireland	10	4.5	1	11
74.	Israel	10	6.7	2	12
75.	Italy	10	57.0	7	17
76.	Japan	10	123.6	10	20
77.	Jordan	10	5.5	2	12
78.	Kazakhstan	10	17.0	3	13
79.	Kenya	10	38.6	5	15
80.	Kuwait	10	2.2	1	11
81.	Kyrgyzstan	10	5.5	2	12
82.	Lao People's Dem. Rep.	10	5.6	2	12
83.	Latvia	10	2.7	1	11
84.	Lebanon	10	2.4	1	11
85.	Lesotho	10	2.1	1	11
86.	Libya	10	3.9	1	11
87.	Liechtenstein	10	0.03	0	10
88.	Lithuania	10	3.9	1	11
89.	Luxembourg	10	0.4	0	10
90.	Madagascar	10	20.6	4	14
91.	Malawi	10	13.9	3	13
92.	Malaysia	10	22.7	4	14
93.	Maldives	10	0.35	0	10
94.	Mali	10	16.4	3	13
95.	Malta	10	0.3	0	10
96.	Mauritania	10	3.1	1	11
97.	Mauritius	10	1.02	1	11
98.	Mexico	10	104.0	10	20
99.	Monaco	10	0.03	0	10
100.	Mongolia	10	2.9	1	11
101.	Montenegro	10	0.62	0	10

MEMBERS		Votes under (a)	Population in millions	Votes under (b)	Total number of votes
102.	Morocco	10	31.5	5	15
103.	Mozambique	10	12.1	3	13
104.	Myanmar	10	60.3	8	18
105.	Namibia	10	1.5	1	11
106.	Nepal	10	26.4	4	14
107.	Netherlands	10	15.3	3	13
108.	New Zealand	10	4.4	1	11
109.	Nicaragua	10	5.1	2	12
110.	Niger	10	16.5	3	13
111.	Nigeria	10	140.4	10	20
112.	Norway	10	5.0	2	12
113.	Oman	10	2.5	1	11
114.	Pakistan	10	160.9	11	21
115.	Palau	10	0.02	0	10
116.	Palestine	10	3.9	1	11
117.	Panama	10	1.7	1	11
118.	Papua New Guinea	10	3.0	1	11
119.	Paraguay	10	5.7	2	12
120.	Peru	10	23.0	4	14
121.	Philippines	10	62.1	8	18
122.	Poland	10	38.5	5	15
123.	Portugal	10	10.3	3	13
124.	Qatar	10	0.88	0	10
125.	Republic of Korea	10	50.8	7	17
126.	Republic of Moldova	10	4.3	1	11
127.	Romania	10	23.0	4	14
128.	Russian Federation	10	148.8	10	20
129.	Rwanda	10	6.2	2	12
130.	Samoa	10	0.17	0	10
131.	San Marino	10	0.02	0	10
132.	Sao Tome and Principe	10	0.16	0	10
133.	Saudi Arabia	10	27.1	4	14
134.	Senegal	10	7.0	2	12
135.	Serbia	10	9.7	2	12
136.	Seychelles	10	0.08	0	10
137.	Sierra Leone	10	4.9	1	11
138.	Singapore	10	5.08	2	12
139.	Slovakia	10	5.2	2	12
140.	Slovenia	10	1.9	1	11
141.	Somalia	10	10.4	3	13
142.	South Africa	10	51.7	7	17
143.	Spain	10	39.4	5	15
144.	South Sudan	10	10.0	3	13
145.	Sri Lanka	10	17.0	3	13
146.	Sudan	10	33.4	5	15
147.	Suriname	10	0.4	0	10
148.	Swaziland	10	1.1	1	11
149.	Sweden	10	8.7	2	12
150.	Switzerland	10	6.7	2	12
151.	Syrian Arab Republic	10	12.5	3	13
152.	Tajikistan	10	5.1	2	12
153.	Thailand	10	60.1	8	18
154.	The fYR of Macedonia	10	2.3	1	11

MEMBERS		Votes under (a)	Population in millions	Votes under (b)	Total number of votes
155.	Timor-Leste	10	0.92	0	10
156.	Togo	10	5.4	2	12
157.	Tonga	10	0.10	0	10
158.	Trinidad and Tobago	10	1.22	1	11
159.	Tunisia	10	10.2	3	13
160.	Turkey	10	76.6	8	18
161.	Uganda	10	17.0	3	13
162.	Ukraine	10	50.1	7	17
163.	United Arab Emirates	10	2.5	1	11
164.	United Kingdom	10	60.2	8	18
165.	United Rep. of Tanzania	10	34.4	5	15
166.	Uruguay	10	3.2	1	11
167.	Venezuela (Bolivarian Rep. of)	10	30.0	5	15
168.	Viet Nam	10	90.3	9	19
169.	Yemen	10	10.5	3	13
170.	Zambia	10	10.9	3	13
171.	Zimbabwe	10	10.4	3	13



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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 136th Assembly page, simply by clicking on the Registration button. The system will be open from 1 December 2016 and will close on 15 March 2017, after which delegates should register with the IPU registration service: 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 a recent Assembly, 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 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 136th 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** are included under: "Title/function in Parliament/Organization".
 - You **DO NOT** use ALL CAPITALS.
 - You click on the "+" sign to add committees (when there are more than one).
6. It will be possible to make changes to your data until 15 March 2017, after which you should contact the IPU directly at 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.

Should you have any questions on registration, please send them to Ms. Sally-Anne Sader, Conference Services Officer, at sas@ipu.org, with copies to the generic IPU e-mail addresses: postbox@ipu.org as well as registration@ipu.org.

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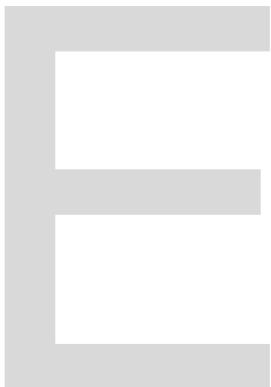
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1 December 2016

Draft agenda

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Approval of the summary record of the Committee's session held on the occasion of the 135th IPU Assembly in Geneva (October 2016)**
3. **Elections to the Bureau of the Standing Committee**

The Committee will fill the existing vacancies on the Bureau based on proposals received from the geopolitical groups.
4. **Briefing by the President of the Committee**

The President will highlight some of latest developments and initiatives in the field of Peace and International Security since the last meeting of the Standing Committee and will refer to activities taking place during the Assembly.
5. **The role of parliament in preventing outside interference in the internal affairs of sovereign States**
 - (a) Presentation of the draft resolution and the explanatory note prepared by the co-Rapporteurs
 - (b) Debate
 - (c) Drafting and adoption of the draft resolution in plenary
 - (d) Appointment of a rapporteur to the 136th Assembly
6. **Preparations for future Assemblies**
 - (a) Proposals for a subject item for the next resolution to be considered by the Committee
 - (b) Proposals for the choice of two co-Rapporteurs
 - (c) Proposals for other items for the Committee agenda
7. **Any other business**



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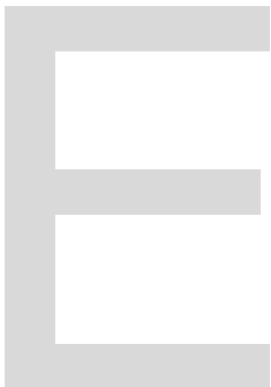
Standing Committee on
Sustainable Development,
Finance and Trade

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1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Approval of the summary record of the Committee's session held at the 135th IPU Assembly in Geneva (October 2016)**
3. **Elections**

The Committee will fill the existing vacancies on the Bureau based on proposals received from the geopolitical groups.
4. ***Promoting enhanced international cooperation on the SDGs, in particular on the financial inclusion of women as a driver of development***
 - (a) Presentation of the draft resolution and the explanatory memorandum prepared by the co-Rapporteurs
 - (b) Debate
 - (c) Drafting and adoption of the draft resolution in plenary
 - (d) Appointment of a rapporteur to the 136th IPU Assembly
5. **Preparations for future Assemblies**
 - (a) Proposals for a subject item for the next resolution to be considered by the Committee
 - (b) Proposals for the choice of two co-Rapporteurs
 - (c) Proposals for other items to be included on the Committee agenda
6. **Any other business**



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Standing Committee on
Democracy and Human Rights

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1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Approval of the summary record of the Committee's session held at the 135th IPU Assembly in Geneva (October 2016)**
3. **Preparatory debate on the next resolution of the Standing Committee:**
Sharing our diversity: The 20th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Democracy

The preparatory debate will help the Rapporteurs to draft the resolution, which will be examined at the 137th Assembly in October 2017. The resolution will give IPU Members the opportunity to renew their commitment to peace in the world based on democracy, human rights and the rule of law. Questions for consideration might include:

- How will the institutions of democracy – parliament, political parties and elections – change between now and 2030?
- How will parliaments work to increase the numbers of people in society who believe in collaborative, participative, tolerant and transparent processes of decision-making in a changing international environment?
- What should parliaments do in order to reinforce the idea of democratic diversity around the world?

4. **Debate:** *Act now for adolescents: The role of parliamentarians in promoting adolescent health and well-being*

Developments in global health and the Sustainable Development Goals have led to a growing recognition of the importance of focusing on adolescent health and well-being. The debate will examine good practices and the challenges of ensuring that adolescents realize their right to health.

Adolescence is a critical phase for fulfilling physical, cognitive, emotional, social and economic capacities: these are the foundations of the health and well-being of individual adults and society as a whole. Adolescents (those aged 10–19 years) are often seen as the healthiest group of any given population. However, World Health Organization estimates suggest that every year, nearly one million adolescents die from preventable causes. Tens of millions more suffer injuries, and hundreds of millions develop harmful behaviours; these have short- and long-term health and non-health consequences.

5. **Any other business**

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Standing Committee on
United Nations Affairs

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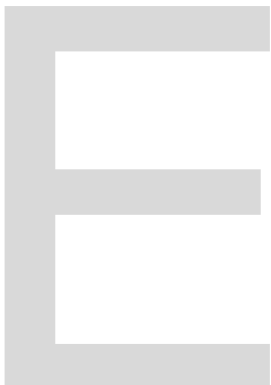
1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Approval of the summary record of the Committee's session held at the 135th IPU Assembly in Geneva (October 2016)**
3. **Parliamentary follow-up on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in preparation for the 2017 session of the UN High-level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development**
 - Role of parliaments in the voluntary national reviews to the HLPF
 - IPU self-assessment toolkit
 - Parliamentary motions on the institutionalization of the SDGs
 - Other parliamentary initiatives in support of the SDGs (challenges and opportunities)
4. **Panel discussion on the main theme of the 2017 HLPF: *Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world***

This panel discussion will reflect widely on some of the main drivers of poverty in both developed and developing countries.

Questions to be considered include: What policies and tools are available to effectively fight poverty in ways that are consistent with the sustainability agenda? What notion of prosperity ought to inform policymaking? What impact do new technologies have on the economy? How can the human rights framework guide policymakers? How should global economic and financial governance be reformed to facilitate national efforts to reduce poverty?

The discussion will take its cue from the IPU Quito Communiqué (<http://www.ipu.org/conf-e/128/quito-comm.htm>). Additional background materials will be provided closer to the meeting.

5. **Any other business**



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Amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules

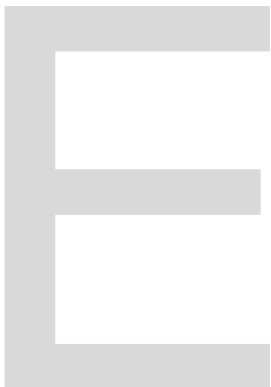
During the 135th IPU Assembly (Geneva, October 2016), the Executive Committee considered a number of amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules. The following amendments are hereby submitted by the Executive Committee to the IPU Assembly and Governing Council, with the recommendation that they be formally adopted at the 136th IPU Assembly in Dhaka.

According to the IPU Statutes and Rules, any amendment proposal shall be submitted in writing at least three months before the meeting of the Assembly and communicated to the Members of the IPU. Any sub-amendments to the Statutes shall be submitted in writing to the IPU Secretariat at least six weeks before the meeting of the Assembly. Sub-amendments to the Rules of the Assembly and the Standing Committees shall be communicated to all Members at least one month before the meeting of the Assembly and Governing Council. Amendments to the IPU Statutes and the Rules of the Assembly are adopted by the Assembly; amendments to the Rules of the Standing Committees and other subsidiary bodies are adopted by the Governing Council.

Statutes	
Article 25.1	25.1 The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, 15 members belonging to different Parliaments and , the President of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians and the President of the Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU.

Comment:

In light of the growing role of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU and the decision by the IPU governing bodies to further mainstream a youth perspective into the work of the Organization, it is recommended that the President of the Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU join the Executive Committee as an ex officio member.



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Statutes	
Article 25.2	2. The President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union shall be ex officio President of the Executive Committee. Fifteen members shall be elected by the Governing Council; not less than 12 shall be elected from among the members of the Governing Council to which they shall continue to belong during their mandate. At least three of the members elected must be women. Each sex shall be represented by no less than 30 per cent of the elected members.

Comment:

This amendment aims to bring the Executive Committee in line with IPU's drive towards gender equality, as well as with current practice in other bodies such as the Bureaux of the Standing Committees and IPU specialized committees. The Gender Partnership Group, in cooperation with the Chairs of the Geopolitical Groups, is currently finalizing the modalities for the implementation of this provision.

Rules of the Assembly	
Rule 4	<p>1. The Assembly will meet twice a year and normally last for four days. The second At least one session of the year will shall be held in Geneva, unless the IPU governing bodies decide otherwise.</p> <p>2. The place and date of each Assembly shall be determined by the Governing Council, if possible one year in advance (cf. Statutes, Art. 21 (b), Assembly Rule 6). The Assembly may only be held in a host country if all IPU Members, Associate Members and Observers are invited and if their representatives shall be granted the visas required for participation by the government of the host country. The convocation of the Assembly shall be sent to all Members of the IPU at least four months before the opening of the session.</p>

Comment:

As the two Assemblies of the year have the same format and similar outcomes, there is no reason to expect that the second Assembly of the year must be held in Geneva (what is important, for budget purposes, is that one of the two annual sessions be held in Geneva, unless a host Parliament agrees to cover the additional costs). The amendment also aims to spell out the IPU's agreed visa policy in the formal Rules of the Assembly.

Rules of the Assembly	
Rule 11.2(a)	(a) A request for the inclusion of an emergency item must relate to a recent major event situation of international concern, on which it appears necessary urgent action by the international community is required and on which it is appropriate for the IPU to express its opinion and mobilize a parliamentary response . Such a request must receive a two-thirds majority of the votes cast in order to be accepted.

Comment:

As a result of the 2003 reform of working methods of the IPU, the two previously existing categories of additional agenda items decided by the Assembly through a vote on the spot ("supplementary" and "emergency supplementary" items) were merged into one, but the sense of the "emergency" was lost. The absence of a clear definition of this term in the current Statutes and Rules has occasionally resulted in ambiguous and contradictory situations. It is for this reason that the Executive Committee has decided to rectify the situation.

Rules of the Assembly	
Rule 15.1	1. The Assembly shall start by holding a General Debate with an overall theme. During this General Debate, Members may also address the political, economic and social situation in the world. This debate shall not may give rise to the adoption of an motion or draft resolution outcome document, as decided by the Steering Committee and approved by the IPU Executive Committee.

Comment:

In recent years, the General Debate of the Assembly has often concluded with the adoption of a consensus outcome document. The Executive Committee proposes that this practice be formalized.

Rules of the Standing Committees	
Rule 7.5	5. The Standing Committees shall elect a President and a Vice-President from among the members of their Bureau. The posts of President and Vice-President shall normally be filled at a single election. The geopolitical groups shall coordinate among themselves so as to ensure, to the extent possible, an equitable distribution of the posts of President and Vice-President of Standing Committees.

Comment:

Due to the varying calendar of parliamentary elections among the IPU Members, it is not always possible to synchronize the election of Bureau members, or of Committee President and Vice-Presidents. This formulation offers more flexibility in the election process.

Rule 18	Any Member of the IPU may submit a proposal for a subject item to be discussed by a Standing Committee at a future Assembly. Such proposals shall be deposited with the IPU Secretariat no later than 15 days before the opening of the Assembly preceding the one where the subject will be discussed up to one day prior to the meeting of the respective Standing Committee Bureau.
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Comment:

Practice has shown that, when preparing proposals for subject items to be taken up by the Standing Committees, Members need some time for consultations within and among delegations. This amendment offers the flexibility to do so. It is also consistent with Rule 20.4 of the Standing Committees, according to which, when considering the proposals for subject items to be discussed at future Assemblies, the Bureau may recommend one of the proposals, combine two or more of them dealing with the same subject or related subjects into a single item, put forward another subject item or decide to submit more than one proposal to the Standing Committee.

Financial Regulations	
Rule 5.10	10. Any Member of the IPU whose affiliation was suspended for failure to meet its financial obligations towards the IPU shall remain accountable for these arrears. Should such a Parliament subsequently present a request for reaffiliation earlier than 10 years after the date of its suspension , it shall pay, at the time of its reaffiliation, at least one third of the outstanding arrears and shall present a plan for the settlement of the full remaining amount over a reasonable period of time. Until the full sum is paid, this amount shall remain as a special debt and shall not be considered as arrears under the provisions of Articles 4.2 and 5.2 of the Statutes.

Comment::

The Executive Committee has examined the question of whether, in situations of exceptionally long periods of absence from the IPU, the usual financial conditions for readmitting a previously suspended parliament were to be applied. The Executive Committee has decided to consider adding to the Financial Regulations a "statute of limitations" clause, stipulating after how many years a parliament seeking reaffiliation would be no longer held responsible for the arrears accumulated by its predecessors.



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Convocation of the 200th session of the Governing Council of the IPU

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Madam President,
Mr. President,

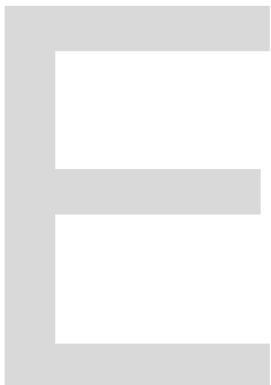
We have pleasure in informing you that the Governing Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will hold its 200th session at the Bangabandhu International Conference Center (BICC) in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

1. PARTICIPATION

The Governing Council is composed of three members from each parliament represented in the IPU. Each parliament's representation on the Governing Council must include both men and women. Single-gender delegations will be limited to two members (Rule 1.2 of the Rules of the Governing Council).

2. PROCEEDINGS OF THE SESSION

The first sitting of the Governing Council will take place on Sunday, 2 April from 9 to 10.45 a.m. The second sitting will be held on Wednesday, 5 April, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 to 5 p.m.



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3. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The provisional agenda for the session, prepared by the Executive Committee at its 274th session (October 2016), is as follows:

- 1. Adoption of the agenda**
- 2. Approval of the summary records of the 199th session of the Governing Council**
- 3. Proposals for the election of the President of the 136th Assembly**
- 4. Questions relating to IPU membership**
 - (a) Requests for affiliation and reaffiliation to the IPU
 - (b) Situation of certain Members
 - (c) Observer status
- 5. Report of the President**
 - (a) On his activities since the 199th session of the Governing Council
 - (b) On the activities of the Executive Committee
- 6. Annual report of the Secretary General on the activities of the IPU in 2016**
- 7. Reports on recent IPU specialized meetings**
- 8. Implementation of the IPU Strategy for 2017-2021**
- 9. Cooperation with the United Nations system**
- 10. Financial results for 2016**
- 11. Activities of committees and other bodies**
 - (a) Forum of Women Parliamentarians
 - (b) Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians
 - (c) Committee on Middle East Questions
 - (d) Group of Facilitators for Cyprus
 - (e) Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law
 - (f) Gender Partnership Group
 - (g) Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS and Maternal, Newborn and Child Health
 - (h) Forum of Young Parliamentarians
- 12. 137th IPU Assembly (Saint-Petersburg, 14-18 October 2017)**
- 13. Future Inter-Parliamentary meetings**
 - (a) Statutory meetings
 - (b) Specialized meetings and other events
- 14. Amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules**
- 15. Elections to the Executive Committee**

(cf. Article 21(k) of the Statutes and Rules 37, 38 and 39 of the Rules of the Governing Council)

4. SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

In conformity with Governing Council Rule 13, members of the Council may request the inclusion of supplementary items in the agenda. Such items must fall within the mandate of the Council which, according to Article 20 of the Statutes, determines and guides the activities of the IPU and controls their implementation.

Any requests for the inclusion of supplementary items will be immediately transmitted by the Secretariat to all Council members. After hearing the opinion of the Executive Committee, the Council shall decide on such a request by a majority of votes cast if the request is received by the Secretariat at least 15 days before the opening of the session; otherwise by a two-thirds majority.

5. DOCUMENTS

To the extent possible, working documents regarding various items of the provisional agenda will be sent out to Members and posted on the IPU website in advance.

We look forward to fruitful discussions in the Governing Council next March and remain,

Yours sincerely,



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