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Monday, 3 April 2017

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<td>The Committee will hold hearings on cases in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the Philippines, and examine cases in other countries.</td>
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IMPORTANT REMINDER – Special shuttle bus arrangements for 4 April: The shuttle bus service between hotels and the BICC will be suspended between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., in view of the large number of students travelling around the city to sit national examinations. The last early bus will leave at 7.50 a.m. and the next bus will leave at 10 a.m.

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**GENERAL DEBATE – IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Interpretation:** Delegates may, exceptionally, use another language provided that they arrange for their speech to be interpreted into one of the IPU’s official languages by a member of their delegation who will be given access to an interpretation booth. To allow for all necessary arrangements to be made in good time, delegations should contact, well in advance, the Chief Interpreter (Ms. F. Steinig-Huang) through the English booth interpreters assigned to the meeting at which the speech will be delivered. Moreover, eight copies of the translation of the speech into one of the IPU’s official languages should be given to the Chief Interpreter or to the English booth for distribution to the other interpreters. 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 in the other working languages.

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

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¹ Information as at 6 p.m. on 2 April.
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OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Today, Monday, 3 April 2017

8.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Field visit on child rights issues in collaboration with UNICEF

1 p.m. – 2 p.m. Roundtable dialogue on Parliamentary action plan for nuclear-risk reduction and achieving a nuclear-weapon-free world, organized by UNFOLD ZERO and Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (PNND), in cooperation with the IPU

This evening Embassies evening

Tuesday, 4 April 2017

1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m. Launch of Unique Glimpses, a book on autism, illustrated with drawings by children with autism, produced by the Shuchona Foundation

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. It can be downloaded from the App store via the IPU Assembly web page (http://www.ipu.org/conf-e/136agnd.htm) or by personal email invitation by sending a request to sas@ipu.org. A user manual is available at http://www.ipu.org/conf-e/136/app.pdf.

• List of participants: Delegations are reminded that printed copies of the provisional list of participants are only available on request at the Document Distribution Service. In order to ensure the accuracy of the final list of participants, delegations are kindly requested to report any changes to Ms. Marina Filippin at the Registration Desk by 12 noon on Tuesday, 4 April. The final list of participants will be published on the IPU website.

• Delegates are invited to view a poster exhibition entitled Youth for Sustainability, sponsored by the Hungarian Parliament, which has been set up in the foyer of the Hall of Fame on the ground floor of the BICC.

• The Honourable Mr. Fazle Rabbi, Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Bangladesh, is kindly offering a boxed lunch to all delegates on Monday, 3 April. These may be collected from the Central Point Coffee Shop (ground floor) and Gallery Café (first floor) at the BICC.

• A dinner in honour of all Heads of Delegation is being hosted by H.E. Mr. Md. Abdul Hamid, President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, on Tuesday, 4 April at 7.30 p.m. (by invitation only).

MEDIA INFORMATION


Follow or take part in discussions on Twitter using #IPU136 (www.twitter.com/ipuparliament).

Follow the IPU on @IPUparliament, the Forum of Women Parliamentarians on #WomenMPs and the Forum of Young Parliamentarians on #youngMPs.

Photos of the event are available on https://www.flickr.com/photos/inter-parliamentary-union/albums.

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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 136TH ASSEMBLY

For more detailed information, please see Vacancies document.

On 5 April 2017, the Governing Council will hold elections as outlined below. Candidatures (a signed letter and a one-page curriculum vitae) may be submitted to the Submission and Control of Documents Service (Room 205, first floor, BICC) up to 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 4 April 2017. Candidates for the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians vacancies are required to complete the vacancies form available at http://www.ipu.org/hr-e/miscel/form-chrp.pdf.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
The Governing Council will be required to elect one member for the Arab Group.
To date, the following candidature has been received:
– Mr. A. Abdel Aal (Egypt): candidature submitted by the House of Representatives of Egypt and supported by the Arab Group.

COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians
The Governing Council will be required to elect two female members.
To date, the following candidature has been received:
– Ms. B. Jónsdóttir (Iceland): candidature submitted by the Icelandic delegation.

Committee on Middle East Questions
The Governing Council will be required to elect three female members.
To date, the following candidature has been received:
– Ms. S. Ataullahjan (Canada): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law
The Governing Council will be required to elect two members: one member (male) for the Arab Group and one member (female) for the Eurasia Group.
To date, the following candidature has been received:
– Mr. S. Alkhathlan (Saudi Arabia): candidature submitted by the Arab Group.

STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

The following elections to the Bureaux will be held:
Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade
One vacancy for the Twelve Plus Group to be filled by a woman or a man.
To date, the following candidatures have been received:
– Ms. W. Bani Mustafa (Jordan): candidature submitted by the Arab Group (to replace Ms. Z. Ely Salem (Mauritania));
– Ms. S. Dinică (Romania): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights
Two vacancies: One vacancy each for the African Group and the Twelve Plus Group to be filled by a woman or a man.
To date, the following candidatures have been received:
– Mr. A. Niyongabo (Burundi): candidature submitted by the African Group;
– Mr. S. Spengemann (Canada): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs
Two vacancies: One vacancy each for the Eurasia Group and the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC) to be filled by a woman or a man.
To date, the following candidatures have been received:
– Mr. A. Toumi (Morocco): candidature submitted by the Arab Group (to complete the term of Ms. R. Benmassaoud);
– Mr. S. Gavrilov (Russian Federation): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group;
– Ms. C.L. Crexell (Argentina): candidature submitted by GRULAC.
Candidatures for the above vacancies may be submitted by the geopolitical groups concerned up to the time of the elections.