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Time	Meeting	Place
9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law	Reading Room (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace (in camera)
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Item 7 (emergency item) – <i>Ending the grave human crisis, persecution and violent attacks on the Rohingyas as a threat to international peace and security and ensuring their unconditional and safe return to their homeland in Myanmar</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">– Debate	Dumsky Hall (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace
10.15 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Continuation of the General Debate on <i>Promoting cultural pluralism and peace through inter-faith and inter-ethnic dialogue</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">› Address by Patriarch Kirill, Chair of the CIS Inter-Religious Council	
9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Item 4: <i>Sharing our diversity: The 20th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Democracy</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">– Finalization of the draft resolution in plenary	Hall No. 1 (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace
9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians The Committee will hold a hearing on cases in Cambodia.	Hall No. 16 (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace (in camera)
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Committee on Middle East Questions	Reading Room (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace (in camera)

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GENERAL DEBATE – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Seating arrangements in view of high attendance – Dumsky Hall (Plenary): Due to the architectural constraints of the Hall, the seating set-up cannot be modified and seating is limited. Each delegation will be allocated a maximum of four seats. As there is no second row of chairs, advisers and secretaries should sit next to their parliamentary delegates, wherever possible. Additional seating is available in the gallery of Dumsky Hall on the first floor.

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 (English and French) by a member of their delegation who will be given access to an interpretation booth. To allow for arrangements to be made in good time, delegations should contact, well in advance, the Chief Interpreter (Ms. F. Steinig-Huang) or the English booth interpreters assigned to the meeting at which the speech will be delivered. Moreover, eight copies of the speech translated 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 ensure a high quality of simultaneous interpretation into the other working languages.

Publication of speeches: The texts of official statements delivered in the General Debate (English, French and Spanish) will be published on the Assembly web page and be part of the records of the Assembly. 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 15 October.

2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade	Multifunctional Hall (2nd floor) Parliamentary Centre
2.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Briefing on <i>The parliamentary contribution to the 2017 UN Climate Change Conference</i> <i>Speakers:</i> Dr. Alina Averchenkova, Principal Research Fellow, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and Environment, London School of Economics Ms. Bärbel Höhn, Member of the German Parliament, co-Rapporteur of the Parliamentary Meeting at COP23 Mr. Jone Usamate, MP (Fiji)	
4 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Debate on <i>Engaging the private sector in implementing the SDGs, especially on renewable energy</i> <i>Speakers:</i> Mr. Adrian Whiteman, Senior Programme Officer, International Renewable Energy Agency Senator Andries Gryffroy (Belgium) Mr. Duong Quoc Anh, MP (Viet Nam)	
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Continuation of the General Debate	Dumsky Hall (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Drafting committee on the emergency item <i>Geopolitical Groups are requested to submit the names of their representatives in the drafting committee before the start of its work.</i>	Reading Room (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace (in camera)
2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	Bureau of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights	Hall No. 16 (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace (in camera)
3.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Interactive session on <i>The UN process for the prohibition of nuclear weapons: What hope for nuclear disarmament?</i> <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Anti Avsan, MP (Sweden) <i>Keynote speakers:</i> H.E. Ambassador Elayne Whyte-Gómez (Costa Rica), President of the UN Conference to Negotiate a Legally Binding Instrument to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons, Leading towards their Total Elimination Mr. Bruce Blair, President and Founder of Global Zero <i>Discussants:</i> Senator Laura Rojas Hernández (Mexico) Mr. Alyn Ware, Global Coordinator, Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and International Security Mr. Jean-Marie Collin, Associate Researcher at the Group for Research and Information on Peace and Security (GRIP) and Co-Chair of the French Steering Group for the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN-France)	Hall No. 1 (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace (English and French only)
8 p.m.	Gala reception for Heads of delegation hosted by Ms. Valentina Matvienko, Chairperson of the Council of the Federation, Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation	Catherine Palace

Preview of main programme for Tuesday, 17 October

9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	e-Parliament interactive session on <i>The digital tools that parliamentarians use to do their work</i>	Hall No. 1 (ground floor) Tavrichesky Palace (English and French only)
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security ♦ Panel discussion on <i>The role of parliament in monitoring the action of national armed forces participating in UN peacekeeping operations</i>	Multifunctional Hall (2 nd floor) Parliamentary Centre
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	♦ Panel discussion on <i>The implementation of a previous resolution on cyber warfare (Hanoi, 2015)</i>	
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Open session of the Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law Panel discussion on <i>Forty years since the adoption of the Additional Protocol to the Geneva Conventions: How does the law still protect in contemporary war?</i> <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Philippe Mahoux, former Senator (Belgium) <i>Panellists:</i> Mr. Juan Manuel Corzo, Senator (Colombia) Ms. Monica Green, MP (Sweden) Mr. Benjamin Charlier, Legal Adviser, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Ms. Marie Lequin Coutin, Head of Eurasia Region, Geneva Call	Hall No. 1 (ground floor) Tavrichesky Palace
11 p.m. – 1 p.m.	Parity debate on <i>Holding the purse strings: Exercising oversight for the common good</i> , organized by the Forum of Women Parliamentarians	Dumsky Hall (ground floor) Tavrichesky Palace
2.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights ♦ Item 4: <i>Sharing our diversity: The 20th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Democracy</i> – Adoption of the draft resolution	Hall No. 1 (ground floor) Tavrichesky Palace
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Assembly ♦ Item 7 (emergency item) – <i>Ending the grave human crisis, persecution and violent attacks on the Rohingyas as a threat to international peace and security and ensuring their unconditional and safe return to their homeland in Myanmar</i> – Adoption of the resolution	Dumsky Hall (ground floor) Tavrichesky Palace
3 p.m.	♦ Conclusion of the General Debate › Address by Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, Director General, Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO)	
4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade Panel discussion on <i>Using science and research to achieve the highest health standards</i>	Hall No. 1 (ground floor) Tavrichesky Palace
4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Hearing with candidates for the post of President of the IPU	Multifunctional Hall (2 nd floor) Parliamentary Centre
8 p.m.	Cultural evening Cultural Exchange Gala hosted by the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation	Mariinsky Theatre New Stage (Mariinsky II)

OTHER INFORMATION

- ◆ **Assembly App:** As part of the IPU's PaperSmart policy and also to enhance delegates' participation in IPU Assemblies, an application is available which facilitates the online consultation of Assembly documents and provides access to Assembly-related information. The "137 App" can be downloaded through the CrowdCompass Attendee Hub via the store links at <http://archive.ipu.org/conf-e/137agnd.htm> or by personal email invitation by sending a request to sas@ipu.org. The password required by the App may be obtained from the App Helpdesk, which is located in the Kupolny Hall (opposite the Information Counter) on the ground floor of the Tavrishesky Palace. A user manual is available at <http://archive.ipu.org/conf-e/137/App-usermanual.pdf>.
- ◆ **Print-on-demand service:** This service is available at the Typing Pool and Photocopying Service for those delegates who wish to obtain a copy of a document published on the IPU Assembly web page.
- ◆ **List of participants:** Delegations are reminded that the provisional list of participants is available for consultation on the Assembly App and that only a limited number of copies have been printed. A printed copy may be obtained, upon request, from 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, 17 October**. The final list of participants will be published on the IPU website.
- ◆ **Livre d'or for the outgoing President of the IPU:** Delegates are invited to write a message for Mr. Saber Chowdhury in the *livre d'or* at the Publications Stand located near the Plenary Room (Dumsky Hall).
- ◆ **2018 Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations:** The Parliamentary Hearing, entitled *Towards a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration: The contribution of parliaments*, will take place on 22-23 February 2018 in New York. A formal convocation letter will be circulated to all Parliaments by 15 November. Please check the IPU website at <http://www.ipu.org> for regular updates.
- ◆ **Usability study on the new online IPU Open Data Platform:** The IPU invites delegates to take part in this study. If you work with, or are interested in, data on Parliaments, we would like to hear from you. To take part, please visit the Publications Stand (Ekaterininsky Hall, ground floor, Tavrishesky Palace, next to the Open TV Studio) between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. today or tomorrow (Tuesday 17 October), and ask for Ms. Silvia Tomanin. Alternatively, please contact Ms. Tomanin by email at sto@ipu.org to arrange an appointment.

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MEDIA INFORMATION

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 * ***** Press launch of the *Global Parliamentary Report 2017* ***** *
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 * 1 p.m. today, Monday, 16 October 2017 *Press Conference Area (ground floor, near main entrance)* *
 * *Tavrishesky Palace* *
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 * **Speakers:** – Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary General of the IPU *
 * – Mr. Charles Chauvel, Team Leader, Inclusive Political Processes, Governance and Peacebuilding, *
 * United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) *
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 * *Russian interpretation provided.* *
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 * Contact: Ms. Jean Milligan, tel: +893 1281 2397; email: jm@ipu.org *
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- ◆ Watch the 137th Assembly live at <https://ipu137russia.org/> or <http://www.ipu.org>.



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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 137th ASSEMBLY

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

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On 18 October 2017, the Governing Council will hold elections and make appointments as outlined below. Candidatures (a signed letter and a one-page curriculum vitae) may be submitted to the Submission and Control of Documents Service (Atrium, ground floor, Tavrichesky Palace) up to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 17 October 2017. Candidates for the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians vacancies are required to complete the vacancies form available at <http://archive.ipu.org/hr-e/miscel/form-chnp.pdf>.

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PRESIDENT OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. G. Cuevas Barron (Mexico);
- Ms. I. Passada (Uruguay).

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Governing Council will elect **four members**: one member (male) to complete the term for the African Group; and three members (one female and two male) for the Twelve Plus Group, one of whom is to complete the term for the Group.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

- Mr. K.M. Lusaka (Kenya): candidature submitted by the Parliament of Kenya, to complete the term of his predecessor.

COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

The Governing Council will elect **four members** (ideally two female and two male), preferably two members from the African Group and two members from the Twelve Plus Group.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. J. Mukoda Zabwe (Uganda) and Mr. N. Bako-Arifari (Benin): candidatures submitted by the African Group;
- Ms. A. Jerkov (Serbia) and Mr. A. Caroni (Switzerland): candidatures submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

Committee on Middle East Questions

The Governing Council will elect **three members** (two female and one male).

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. B. Grouwels (Belgium): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group;
- Mr. G. Mihaylov (Bulgaria): candidature submitted by the National Assembly of Bulgaria.

Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

The Governing Council will elect **four members**: one member (female) for the African Group; one member (female) for the Eurasia Group; one member (male) for the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC); and one member (male) for the Twelve Plus Group.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. A. Dafia Ouassagari (Benin): candidature submitted by the African Group;
- Ms. E. Vtorygina (Russian Federation): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group;
- Mr. D. Chukolov (Bulgaria): candidature submitted by the National Assembly of Bulgaria.

APPOINTMENT OF TWO INTERNAL AUDITORS FOR THE 2018 ACCOUNTS

The Governing Council will appoint **two Internal Auditors** for the 2018 accounts.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

- Mr. V. Macedo (Portugal): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

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STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

The following elections to the Bureaux will be held:

Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

Two members: One member (female or male) for the Asia-Pacific Group; and one member (female) for the Twelve Plus Group.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. B. Kambhampati (India): candidature submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group;
- Ms. L.İ. Ceritoğlu Kurt (Turkey): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade

Two members: One member (female or male) for the African Group; and one member (female) for GRULAC.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. M. Djellab (Algeria): candidature submitted by the African Group.
- Ms. D. Solíz (Ecuador): candidature submitted by GRULAC.

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

One member: One member (female) for the African Group.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

- Ms. A.D. Dagban-Zonvide (Togo): candidature submitted by the African Group.

Candidatures for the above vacancies may be submitted by the geopolitical groups concerned up to the time of the elections.

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