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Time	Meeting	Place
8 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Bureau of Women Parliamentarians	Reading Room (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace (<i>in camera</i>)
9 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 2.30 p.m.	Governing Council	Dumsky Hall (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace
9 a.m.	› Election of the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union	
	<p>The Governing Council will complete its consideration of items remaining on its agenda, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">› Report of the President› Financial questions› Reports and decisions concerning the human rights of parliamentarians› Reports of committees and other bodies <p>It will hold the following elections and make the following appointments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">› Election of four members to the Executive Committee› Election of four members to the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians› Election of three members to the Committee on Middle East Questions› Election of four members to the Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law› Appointment of two internal auditors for the 2018 accounts <p>♦ Tribute to the outgoing President of the IPU, Mr. Saber Chowdhury</p>	
10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security Expert hearing on <i>Sustaining peace as a vehicle for achieving sustainable development</i> <i>Panellists:</i> Mr. Henk-Jan Brinkman, Chief of Policy, Planning and Application, UN Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO) Ambassador Günther Bächler, Special Representative, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Mr. Johannes Born, Assistant Director, Head of Policy and Research Division, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF)	Hall No. 1 (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace

¹ Information as at 6 p.m. on 17 October.

**At the end of the
Governing Council**

Assembly

Dumsky Hall
(ground floor)
Tavrichesky Palace

- ♦ **Item 3:** General Debate on *Promoting cultural pluralism and peace through inter-faith and inter-ethnic dialogue*
 - › Adoption of the outcome document

- ♦ **Item 4:** Sharing our diversity: The 20th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Democracy (*Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights*)
Rapporteur: Mr. I. Umakhanov (Russian Federation)
 - › Adoption of the draft resolution

- ♦ **Item 5:** Reports of the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security, the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade and the Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

- ♦ **Item 6:** Approval of the subject item for the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights at the 139th IPU Assembly and appointment of rapporteurs
Strengthening inter-parliamentary cooperation on migration and migration governance in view of the adoption of the Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration
Co-Rapporteurs:
 - To be confirmed (Morocco)
 - To be confirmed

- ♦ Concluding remarks by representatives of the Geopolitical Groups

Closure of the Assembly

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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 Tavrichesky 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:** The final List of Participants will be published on the IPU website (<http://www.ipu.org>).
- ♦ **Results of the 137th Assembly and related meetings:** Delegations will receive two printed copies of the Results of the Assembly. Members of the IPU are reminded that the different sections of the Brochure may 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.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Research for the World e-Parliament Report 2018:** The author of the 2018 Report is carrying out interviews with delegates about their use of social media and digital tools. Please contact Andy Williamson via the IPU Secretariat if you would like to be interviewed.
- ♦ **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).

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MEDIA INFORMATION

- ♦ 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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Today, 18 October 2017, the Governing Council will hold elections and make appointments as outlined below.

PRESIDENT OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

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.

The following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. K.M. Lusaka (Kenya): candidature submitted by the Parliament of Kenya, to complete the term of his predecessor;
- Ms. M. Kiener Nellen (Switzerland), Ms. H.H. Liadal (Norway) to complete the term, and Mr. D. McGuinty (Canada): candidatures submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

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.

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;
- Mr. A.J. Ahmed (United Arab Emirates): candidature submitted by the candidate.

Committee on Middle East Questions

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

The following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. B. Grouwels (Belgium) and Mr. H. Julien-Laferrière (France): candidatures 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.

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 Twelve Plus Group.

APPOINTMENT OF TWO INTERNAL AUDITORS FOR THE 2018 ACCOUNTS

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

The following candidature has been received:

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

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