The meeting will take place in the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Chamber inside the main Secretariat Building. The proceedings will start at 9:30 a.m. sharp. Doors will open at 9:00 a.m. to allow delegations sufficient time to find their seats.

The President of the IPU, the President of the United Nations General Assembly, the President of ECOSOC, and the United Nations Secretary-General will welcome participants at the opening.

Languages
Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French, Spanish and Arabic. In addition, there are three interpretation booths available to national delegations wishing to bring their own interpreters. Requests for these booths should be submitted by email to ny-office@ipu.org. They will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Travel and Accommodation
Delegations are expected to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. Please note that hotels in New York can be fully booked during the fall period and that better rates and more choice may be afforded when reserving early. Your country’s Permanent Mission to the United Nations may be of assistance in this.

Building Access
Security arrangements at the United Nations are very strict and no one is allowed to enter without an entry badge issued by the Pass Office. Badge applications must be submitted in advance through your country’s Permanent Mission to the United Nations, and at the request of your parliamentary delegation.

Registration of Participants
A separate registration form must be filled out for each participant and submitted to the Office of the IPU Permanent Observer to the United Nations in New York. Please note that the same form applies to both members of parliament and accompanying staff.

Seating & Speaking Arrangements
There will be open seating. Seats will be numbered to facilitate interventions from the floor (through an electronic system). Delegates are encouraged to introduce themselves at the start of every intervention.

Further Information
Please check the IPU website (under future Meetings) at www.ipu.org for the draft programme and other updates.