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131st IPU ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

Geneva, 12 - 16.10.2014

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JOURNAL¹ Sunday, 12 October 2014

Time	Meeting	Place
7.30 a.m. – 9.15 a.m.	Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians	Espace polyvalent level 0, CIGC <i>(in camera)</i>
9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. 11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Meeting of Women Parliamentarians w Special debate on electoral quotas for women in politics w Working session to contribute to the IPU resolution on <i>International law as it relates to national sovereignty, non-intervention in the internal affairs of States and human rights</i>	Room 2 level 0, CIGC
10 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Joint Meeting of Chairpersons of Standing Committee Bureaux and of Geopolitical Groups	Room 18 level -1, CIGC <i>(in camera)</i>
10.30 a.m. – 12 noon	Committee on Middle East Questions	Espace polyvalent level 0, CIGC <i>(in camera)</i>
12 noon – 2.30 p.m.	Roundtable on the Middle East	Espace polyvalent level 0, CIGC <i>(in camera)</i>
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Meeting of Advisers and Secretaries to delegations	Rooms 5 & 6 level 3, CIGC
2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m. 2.30 p.m. – 4.15 p.m. 4.45 p.m. – 5.45 p.m.	Meeting of Women Parliamentarians w Panel debate on <i>Women's influence on Parliament</i> w Presentation of candidates for the post of IPU President	Room 2 level 0, CIGC
2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians	Room 15 level -1, CIGC <i>(in camera)</i>
3.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Committee on Middle East Questions	Espace polyvalent level 0, CIGC <i>(in camera)</i>

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GENERAL DEBATE – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Seating arrangements in view of high attendance – Plenary Hall (Room 1). On the basis of seats available at desks, most delegations will be allocated four seats (two at desks); where possible, delegations led by a Speaker of Parliament will have a total of six seats (three at desks), and Members entitled to 10-MP delegations will have a total of eight seats (four at desks). Single-member delegations and Observers will have one desk seat.

¹ Information as at 11 October, at 6 p.m.

Preview of main programme for Monday, 13 October

9 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.	Governing Council	Room 1 level 1, CICG
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights – Presentation and debate of draft resolution	Room 3 & 4 level 0, CICG
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	– Drafting of resolution in plenary	
9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU	Espace polyvalent level 0, CICG
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Assembly – Start of general debate on <i>Achieving gender equality, ending violence against women</i> – Opening address by Mr. Michael Møller, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, and video message from Mr. Ban Ki-moon, United Nations Secretary-General	Room 1 level 1, CICG
2.30 p.m. – 5 p.m.	– Continuation of general debate – Video message on the HeForShe campaign	
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.	– Decision on emergency item	
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security Hearing on implementation of the 2008 IPU resolution on <i>The role of parliaments in striking a balance between national security, human security and individual freedoms, and in averting the threat to democracy</i>	Room 2 level 0, CICG

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OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, 14 October 2014

9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	Open session of the Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law on <i>Ensuring respect for women's rights in situations of conflict</i>	Espace polyvalent level 0, CICG
9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs – Interactive debate with Professor Alfred de Zayas, UN Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order – Panel discussion on <i>The role of corporations in UN decision-making</i>	Room 2 level 0, CICG
1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	Side event with the Cluster Munition Coalition (CMC) and Parliamentary Forum on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) – <i>Protecting civilians from cluster munitions: The role of parliamentarians</i> Refreshments will be served from 12.30 p.m. outside Room 18.	Room 18 level -1, CICG
3.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade Panel discussion organized in cooperation with UNCTAD/World Investment Forum on <i>Corporate investment in sustainable development</i>	Room 2 level 0, CICG
5.30 p.m. – 7 p.m.	Future Policy Award Ceremony, followed by reception (Events area, level 1, CICG)	Room 2 level 0, CICG

Wednesday, 15 October 2014

- 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. **Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs** Room 2
Discussion on *International cooperation towards an integrated strategy level 0, CIGC*
to counter the global drug problem
- 12.45 p.m. – 2.15 p.m. **Side event with the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH), World Health Organization** Room 18
Leaving no woman, child or adolescent behind: Accelerating level -1, CIGC
parliamentary action in reducing maternal and child mortality to reach the Millennium Development Goals
A light lunch will be served outside Room 18 prior to the event.
- 2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. **Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade** Room 2
Interactive debate on *Shaping a new system of water governance: level 0, CIGC*
Promoting parliamentary action on water
- 2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. **Standing Committee on Peace and International Security** Room 1
Panel discussion on *Cyber warfare – A serious threat to peace and level 1, CIGC*
global security

Friday, 17 October 2014

- 10 a.m. – 4.30 p.m. **Workshop on Good Nuclear Disarmament Practice** IPU headquarters

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OTHER INFORMATION

- w **List of delegates:** In order to ensure the accuracy of the final List of Delegates, delegations are kindly requested to report any changes to Ms. Marina Filippin at the Registration Desk by **12 noon on Wednesday 15 October**. The final List of Delegates will be published on the IPU website.
- w **Exhibition marking the 125th Anniversary of IPU – *Parliamentary action to promote peace and democracy*:** The exhibition is on display on Quai Wilson in Geneva until 19 October 2014. For delegates wishing to visit the exhibition, a shuttle service will be provided on Monday, 13 and Tuesday, 14 October between 12.30 p.m. and 2 p.m. from the CIGC to Quai Wilson and back.
- w **IPU gift items:** On the occasion of the 131st Assembly, IPU logo gift items will be on sale at a stand located close to the Information Desk (ground floor, CIGC), from Monday, 13 to Thursday, 16 October, between 12 noon and 2 p.m. Please note that only Swiss francs will be accepted.

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MEDIA INFORMATION



Take part in or follow the Assembly debates through **Twitter** using #IPU131 (www.twitter.com/ipuparliament).



Photos from the Assembly are available for free download and use at <http://www.ipu.org/131pics>.

*** For all media enquiries, contact Ms. J. Pandya or Mr. F. Puchol (Press Service, ground floor, CIGC). **

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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 131st ASSEMBLY

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

COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS

Today, 12 October 2014, the 20th Meeting of Women Parliamentarians will be called upon to fill the following vacancies:

- One substitute regional representative for the African Group (end of term: March 2018);
- One titular regional representative for the Asia-Pacific Group (end of term: March 2018); and

–One substitute regional representative for the Twelve Plus Group (end of term: March 2016).

FORUM OF YOUNG PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE IPU

At its meeting on Monday, 13 October 2014, the Forum will elect its Board, composed of two representatives (one man and one woman) from each of the IPU geopolitical groups.

Candidatures may be submitted up to 3 p.m. today, Sunday, 12 October.

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STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

On 15 October 2014, at the last sitting of each Standing Committee, the following elections will be held:

Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

Two vacancies: One vacancy each for the African Group and the Asia-Pacific Group to be filled by a man or a woman.

Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade

Four vacancies: One vacancy each for the Asia-Pacific Group and the Twelve Plus Group to be filled by a man or a woman; and two vacancies for the Eurasia Group, at least one of which must be filled by a woman.

Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights

One vacancy for the Eurasia Group to be filled by a man.

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

Five vacancies: One vacancy for the African Group to be filled by a man or a woman; and two vacancies each for the Asia-Pacific Group and the Eurasia Group, at least one of which must be filled by a woman.

Candidatures for the above vacancies may be submitted up to the time of the elections.

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On 16 October 2014, the Governing Council will be required to 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 (Offices 224/225, level 2, CICG) up to 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 15 October 2014 (9 a.m. for the Group of Facilitators for Cyprus).

PRESIDENT OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. N. Ali Assegaf (Indonesia): candidature submitted by the House of Representatives of Indonesia;
- Ms. B. Bishop (Australia): candidature submitted by the candidate;
- Mr. S.H. Chowdhury (Bangladesh): candidature submitted by the candidate;
- Mr. A. Shahid (Maldives): candidature submitted by the candidate.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Governing Council will be required to elect **three members**: one member each for the African Group, the Asia-Pacific Group and the Twelve Plus Group.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. K. Jalali (Islamic Republic of Iran): candidature submitted by the Iranian Inter-Parliamentary Group;
- Mr. M. Uesugi (Japan): candidature submitted by the Japanese Inter-Parliamentary Group.

COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one titular member**.

Committee on Middle East Questions

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one male titular member** and **two substitute members**.

Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

The Governing Council will be required to elect **five members**: two members (one man and one woman) from the Asia-Pacific Group and one member (male) each from the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC), the Twelve Plus Group and the Eurasia Group.

Group of Facilitators for Cyprus

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one facilitator**.

APPOINTMENT OF TWO INTERNAL AUDITORS FOR THE 2015 ACCOUNTS

The Governing Council will appoint **two Internal Auditors** for the 2015 fiscal year.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

- Mr. D. Pacheco (Portugal): candidature submitted by the candidate, supported by the Portuguese delegation to the IPU.