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## JOURNAL<sup>1</sup> Monday, 15 October 2018

| Time                | Meeting  | Place  |
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| 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.     | <b>Steering Committee of the Assembly</b><br><i>The Steering Committee is composed of the President of the IPU and the Vice-President of the Executive Committee, as well as the Presidents of the Standing Committees.</i>  | VIP Lounge<br>level 3, CICG<br>(in camera)   |
| 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.    | <b>Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU</b>   | Salle Genève<br>CCV annexe, CICG (in camera) |
| 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.    | <b>Governing Council</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Financial situation of the IPU and draft budget for 2019</li><li>Report of the President</li><li>Interim report of the Secretary General</li></ul>  | Room 1<br>level 1, CICG                      |
| 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.     | <b>Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Debate on <i>The role of fair and free trade and investment in achieving the SDGs, especially regarding economic equality, sustainable infrastructure, industrialization and innovation</i></li><li>Briefing on the parliamentary contribution to the 2018 UN Climate Change Conference</li></ul>  | Room 2<br>level 0, CICG                      |
| 9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.  | <b>Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Presentation and debate on the draft resolution on <i>Strengthening inter-parliamentary cooperation on migration and migration governance in view of the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration</i></li></ul>  | Rooms 3 & 4<br>level 0, CICG                 |
| 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.    | <b>Assembly</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Start of the General Debate on <i>Parliamentary leadership in promoting peace and development in the age of innovation and technological change</i><br/>Opening remarks by the IPU President<br/>Special guest speaker: Dr. Fabiola Gianotti, Director-General of CERN (European Organization for Nuclear Research)<br/>Gender and youth perspectives:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ms. S. Kihika (Kenya), President of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians</li><li>Ms. M. Osuru (Uganda), President of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU</li></ul></li></ul> | Room 1<br>level 1, CICG                      |
| 11.45 a.m. – 1 p.m. | – High-level segment of the General Debate<br>(A list of speakers is available for the General Debate.)  |  |

### GENERAL DEBATE – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Seating arrangements in view of high attendance – Plenary Hall (Room 1). On the basis of seats available at desks, most IPU Members will be allocated four seats (two at desks). Where possible, delegations led by a Speaker of Parliament and Members entitled to 10-MP delegations will have a total of six seats (three at desks). Every effort will be made to reserve seats at the back of the room for parliamentary assemblies and organizations. Additional seating is available in the Galleries.

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) or 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. Emailing the speech to [speeches@ipu.org](mailto:speeches@ipu.org), a minimum of three hours before the speech is to be made, will also help to ensure a high quality of simultaneous interpretation into the other working languages.

Publication of speeches: As far as possible, the texts of official statements delivered in the General Debate are published on the Assembly web page and form 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.

<sup>1</sup> Information as at 5 p.m. on 14 October.

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| <b>11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.</b>   | <b>Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law</b>  | <b>Salle Lausanne<br/>CCV Annexe, CICG<br/>(in camera)</b> |
| <b>2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.</b> | <b>Assembly</b>   | <b>Room 1<br/>level 1, CICG</b>                            |
| 2.30 p.m. – 3 p.m.           | ♦ Continuation of the high-level segment of the General Debate  |  |
| 3 p.m.                       | Special guest speaker: Mr. Henk Rogers, Founder and Board Chair,<br>Blue Planet Foundation  |  |
| 3.15 p.m. – 4 p.m.           | ♦ Continuation of the General Debate  |  |
| 4 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.           | ♦ Decisions on the emergency item and on unfinished business from the<br>138 <sup>th</sup> Assembly <sup>2</sup>  |  |
| <b>2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.</b>    | <b>Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians</b><br>The Committee will hold hearings on cases in Uganda, Malaysia and<br>Afghanistan.   | <b>Salle Lausanne<br/>CCV Annexe, CICG<br/>(in camera)</b> |
| <b>2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.</b> | <b>Standing Committee on Peace and International Security</b>   | <b>Rooms 3 &amp; 4<br/>level 0, CICG</b>                   |
|                              | ♦ Panel discussions on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› <i>Comprehensive disarmament and non-proliferation</i></li> <li>› <i>Combating sexual violence in UN peacekeeping operations and beyond</i></li> </ul> |  |
| <b>2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.</b> | <b>Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU</b>   | <b>Room 2<br/>level 0, CICG</b>                            |
|                              | ♦ Identifying a target for youth participation in parliaments   |  |
|                              | ♦ Contribution to the work of the 139 <sup>th</sup> Assembly  |  |
|                              | ♦ Update and discussion on the Forum's workplan and activities<br>(2018-2019)   |  |
|                              | ♦ Preparations for the 140 <sup>th</sup> Assembly   |  |
| <b>6.30 p.m.</b>             | <b>Reception hosted by Switzerland</b>  | <b>Events area<br/>level 1, CICG</b>                       |

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### Preview of main programme for Tuesday, 16 October

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| <b>9 a.m. – 1 p.m.</b>       | <b>Assembly</b>   | <b>Room 1<br/>level 1, CICG</b> |
| 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.             | ♦ Debate on the emergency item  |                                 |
| 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.             | ♦ Continuation of the General Debate  |                                 |
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| <b>2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.</b> |   |                                 |
| 2.30 p.m. – 3 p.m.           | ♦ Continuation of the General Debate  |                                 |
| 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.              | ♦ Special session to mark the 70 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of<br>Human Rights (UDHR) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Video on the Nelson Mandela centennial</li> <li>› Interactive debate:<br/><i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Marc Limon, Director of the Universal Rights Group (URG)<br/><i>Panellists:</i> Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron, President of the IPU<br/>Mr. Toby Mendel, Executive Director, Centre for Law and<br/>Democracy<br/>Ms. Fawzia Koofi (Afghanistan), MP</li> </ul> |                                 |
|                              | ♦ Launch of <i>Handbook for Parliamentarians No. 28 – Freedom of expression for<br/>parliaments and their members: Importance and scope of protection</i>   |                                 |
|                              | ♦ Adoption of a Declaration to mark the UDHR anniversary  |                                 |
| 4 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.           | ♦ Continuation of the General Debate  |                                 |

<sup>2</sup> See Legal Opinion on the agenda and work programme of the Standing Committees at <https://www.ipu.org/download/5538>.  
A detailed note explaining the decision-making procedure has been made available to delegations in their pigeonholes.

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| 9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.<br>and<br>2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. | <b>Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights</b><br>♦ <b>Item 4:</b> <i>Strengthening inter-parliamentary cooperation on migration and migration governance in view of the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration</i><br>– Drafting of the resolution in plenary  | Rooms 3 & 4<br>level 0, CICG     |
| 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.                                   | <b>Panel discussion: <i>Where do parliaments stand in the fight against sexism and harassment?</i></b><br>♦ Launch of <i>Sexism, harassment and violence against women in parliaments in Europe</i> , a regional study prepared jointly by the IPU and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)<br>♦ Interactive discussion                        | Room 2<br>level 0, CICG          |
| 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.                                   | <b>Panel discussion: <i>The role of parliaments in combating terrorism and violent extremism</i></b>   | Salle Genève<br>CCV Annexe, CICG |
| 1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.                                 | <b>Side event on <i>Legislating on food and nutrition: Lessons learned, challenges and opportunities for parliamentary action</i></b><br>Event co-organized by the IPU, the World Health Organization (WHO), The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement | Room 18,<br>level -1, CICG       |
| 2.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.                                 | <b>Panel discussion: <i>Building bridges between the parliamentary and scientific communities</i></b>  | Salle Genève<br>CCV Annexe, CICG |
| 4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.                              | <b>Panel discussion: <i>What can MPs do to sort fact from fiction in the age of fake news?</i></b>   | Salle Genève<br>CCV Annexe, CICG |

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## OTHER ASSEMBLY ACTIVITIES

- ♦ **Knowledge Fair for Innovation and Technology:** A number of stands have been set up on the ground floor of the CIGC with a view to providing an opportunity for delegates to interact with members of the scientific community. Exhibitors include CERN, Raspberry Pi Foundation, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), Geneva Water Hub and Waterlex. The Fair is open from today, Monday, 15 until Thursday, 18 October during Assembly hours.
- ♦ **CERN visit:** MPs are invited to sign up for a guided tour of CERN, offered in English, French and Spanish, which will take place at lunchtime each day. Interested MPs should register online on <https://indico.cern.ch/event/759534/>. Places are limited and will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- ♦ **Exhibition to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights:** Delegates are invited to view an exhibition, set up by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), which is on display near the top of the escalator, level 1, CIGC.
- ♦ **Preview of *The Price of Free*:** Delegates are invited to a screening of this award-winning documentary on child labour, which will be released worldwide on 14 November as part of the *100 Million* campaign co-founded by Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi. The film will be shown on 17 October, from 12.30 p.m. to 2 p.m., in Rooms 3 and 4, level 0, CIGC.
- ♦ **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Pew Research Center event: *Exploring understanding of the social contract through the analysis of citizen perceptions*:** The event, which will take place on Tuesday, 16 October, from 1 p.m. to 2.30 p.m., in Room 15, level -1, CIGC, will present the preliminary findings of a study to understand the broad picture of global public opinion regarding the social contract between citizen and State. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, write to [Emanuele.sapienza@undp.org](mailto:Emanuele.sapienza@undp.org).

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## OTHER INFORMATION

- ♦ **IMPORTANT INFORMATION – CHANGE TO PROGRAMME FOR 17 OCTOBER:** Please note that the following change has been made to the programme of meetings for the afternoon of Wednesday, 17 October:
  - The Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights will now meet from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Rooms 3 and 4.
  - The Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade will now meet from 4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. in Rooms 3 and 4.

- ♦ **Assembly App:** As part of the IPU's PaperSmart policy, an App is available which facilitates the online consultation of Assembly documents and provides access to Assembly-related information. It can be downloaded from the App Store on iOS devices and Play Store on Android (CrowdCompass AttendeeHub). Once downloaded, open the AttendeeHub app and enter "IPU 139 Assembly". New feature: it is now possible for delegations to post their brochure on the App. Any delegation that wishes to take advantage of this new service should forward the file in pdf format (not more than 10MB) to [sas@ipu.org](mailto:sas@ipu.org).
- ♦ **Print-on-demand service:** This service is available from 14 to 18 October at the Typing Pool and Photocopying Service (level -1 of the CICG, close to the Internet Corner) for those delegates who wish to obtain additional copies of any documents published on the IPU Assembly web page.
- ♦ **IPU Assemblies in your pocket:** This new booklet, which provides an overview of IPU Assembly procedures, is available on the App and IPU Assembly web page. Delegations will also receive copies of the printed version in their pigeonholes.
- ♦ **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. 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 Wednesday, 17 October 2018**. The final List of Participants will be published on the IPU website.
- ♦ **IPU gift items:** IPU logo gift items are on sale at a stand located on level 0 of the CICG, in the area near the Publications Stand and Selfie Box. The stand is open from today, Monday, 15 to Thursday, 18 October, between 12 noon and 2 p.m. Please note that only cash in Swiss francs (CHF) will be accepted.

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## COMMUNICATIONS INFORMATION

- ♦ **Social media:** Follow or join in the discussions at the Assembly on social media.  
On Twitter: [IPUparliament](#)      On Instagram: [ipu.parliament\\_official](#)      On Facebook: [InterParliamentaryUnion](#)  
Useful hashtags: #IPU139, #WomenMPs, #YoungMPs, #MeToo, #Standup4humanrights
- ♦ **Photos:** All official Assembly photographs will be uploaded on Flickr at regular times during the day: [www.ipu.org/139pics](http://www.ipu.org/139pics). Please credit: Inter-Parliamentary Union.
- ♦ **Time for a selfie?** To mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and in partnership with the OHCHR, a selfie box has been set up on the ground floor near the main entrance of the CICG. The box allows selfies to be taken with the first line of Article 1 of the Declaration "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights". Pictures can then be shared on social media to support the anniversary using the hashtags #Standup4humanrights and #IPU139.
- ♦ **Media enquiries:** For any media enquiries, please contact Thomas Fitzsimons on [tf@ipu.org](mailto:tf@ipu.org) or +41 79 854 31 53.
- ♦ **Publications:** All of the IPU's most recent reports, handbooks, toolkits and guides are available at the Publications Stand on the ground floor of the CICG.

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## VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 139<sup>th</sup> ASSEMBLY

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

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*For all vacancies, candidatures should be accompanied by a signed cover letter and a brief (one-page maximum) curriculum vitae, as well as a completed contact information form (see [www.ipu.org/download/5026](http://www.ipu.org/download/5026)). In addition, candidatures for the Standing Committee Bureaux should include a written commitment from the candidate's parliament.*

*Candidatures from the geopolitical groups concerned, and, where applicable, from candidates, may be submitted to the Submission and Control of Documents Service (Office 224/225, level 2, CICG), up to 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 17 October 2018 for the Committees and other bodies. For the Standing Committee Bureaux, candidatures may be submitted up to the time of the elections.*

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On 18 October 2018, the Governing Council will hold elections and make appointments as outlined below.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Governing Council will be required to elect **three members**: one member (male) for the African Group; one member (female) for the Asia-Pacific Group; and one member (male) for the Twelve Plus Group.

*To date, the following candidature has been received:*

– *Mr. M. Grujic (Serbia): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.*

## COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

### Committee on Middle East Questions

The Governing Council will be required to elect **four members** (three male, one female).

*To date, the following candidatures have been received:*

- Mr. J.G. Correa (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela): candidature submitted by the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC);
- Mr. R. De Roon (Netherlands) and Mr. L. Wehrli (Switzerland): candidatures submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

### Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

The Governing Council will be required to elect **five members**: one member (male) each for the Africa Group, the Asia-Pacific Group and the Eurasia Group; and one member (female) each for GRULAC and the Twelve Plus Group.

*To date, the following candidature has been received:*

- Ms. G. del Carmen Bañuelos (Mexico): candidature submitted by GRULAC.

## APPOINTMENT OF TWO INTERNAL AUDITORS FOR THE 2019 ACCOUNTS

The Governing Council will appoint **two Internal Auditors** for the 2019 fiscal year.

*To date the following candidature has been received:*

- Mr. R. del Picchia (France): candidature submitted by the candidate.

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## STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

The following elections to the Bureaux will be held.

### Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

**Two vacancies:** One vacancy for the Eurasia Group, to be filled by a woman or a man; and one vacancy for the Twelve Plus Group, to be filled by a woman.

*To date, the following candidature has been received:*

- Ms. A. Shkrum (Ukraine): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

### Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade

**Three vacancies:** One vacancy each for the African Group and the Asia-Pacific Group, to be filled by women; and one vacancy for the Eurasia Group, to be filled by a man.

*To date, the following candidature has been received:*

- Mr. A. Simonyan (Armenia): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group.

### Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

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

*To date, the following candidatures have been received:*

- Ms. A. Theologou (Cyprus) and Mr. L. Iemets (Ukraine): candidatures submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

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