HEALTH INFORMATION NOTE

COVID-19 related information

The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), in close cooperation with the Parliament of Spain, will take all necessary measures for your safety and a comfortable stay in Madrid during the 143rd IPU Assembly. Comprehensive health and safety measures have therefore been put in place. Participants are kindly asked to lend their support to this joint endeavour and carefully observe the regulations detailed below.

Important reminder:
All delegates travelling to Madrid for the 143 IPU Assembly should ensure that they carry international health and travel insurance.

COVID-19 ENTRY AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS IN SPAIN

- All persons attending the Assembly, irrespective of vaccination status, are strongly urged to undertake a PCR test prior to departure for Spain.

- Proof of a low epidemiological risk. In accordance with Spanish regulations, all passengers from a country/area that has a SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus risk must present a certificate or document certifying vaccination against COVID-19 (EU-recognized vaccine) or a negative certificate of a Diagnostic Test of Active Infection or a certificate of Recovery after having contracted COVID-19 in order to enter the country. As national regulations may change, it is the responsibility of each delegate to carefully review the official Spanish website in advance of travel.

- All persons entering Spain from other countries, including international transits, regardless of their nationality, age or any other consideration, must complete the Health Control Form and obtain a QR code to present at boarding and health controls on arrival in Spain. You can fill out the health control form and obtain your QR Code from the following website: https://spth.gob.es/create.
RULES AT THE CONFERENCE VENUE AND SOCIAL EVENTS

- To access the Assembly venue, it is mandatory to undergo a rapid antigen COVID-19 test (valid for 48 hours), which will be provided free of charge at the Novotel Hotel located opposite the Palacio Municipal.

- All delegates should repeat the test every 48 hours.

- Social distancing must be strictly observed in all meeting rooms during the Assembly. When taking the floor, delegates are invited to do so from their seats.

- It is mandatory to wear a face mask (covering nose and mouth) at all times (only exceptions: when eating or drinking) on the Assembly premises, as well as on public transport and in stations and other enclosed public spaces.

- Proof of vaccination, COVID-19 recovery or tests performed at any other testing sites will not be accepted for admission to the conference centre.

- To avoid waiting times and allow a smooth start to the conferences, participants are invited to take the test on the day before their meetings start. There will be a priority lane for Speakers of Parliaments.

- A print out of the test results will be provided, along with a colour-coded sticker on your Assembly ID badge reflecting the date of the test.

- If a test result is positive, the medical team will immediately take all necessary precautionary measures and ensure a prompt verification of the test. If the positive result is confirmed, the current Spanish health protocol will be implemented. According to current measures, the duration of quarantine would be 10 days. Please ensure that your health and travel insurance covers costs for a potential COVID-19 infection, treatment and quarantine accommodation.

ACCESSING THE ASSEMBLY VENUE AND COVID-19 TESTING SITE

Take shuttle from Assembly hotel to the IPU Registration service (Salón Blanco, Pullman hotel, opposite the Palacio Municipal). In order to board the shuttle bus, the national security officers will ask for the Assembly badge or a photo ID.

After reaching the Pullman hotel, kindly go to the Registration service to collect your delegations’ Assembly badges.

Thereafter, proceed towards the Novotel hotel (next door to the Pullman) and the Covid-19 testing site (Sala Calathea) with your Assembly badge:

- Register for the test and wait in the dedicated waiting room for your call. (IPU Secretariat has provided basic information from the online registration system to speed up the process)
- The testing procedure will last till 3 to 5 minutes and another 15 minutes for the declaration of results.
- There will be twenty-four testing stations including one lane dedicated for the Speakers of Parliament / parliamentary Heads of delegation
- Upon a negative result, kindly go towards the printing station
- Show result to the Covid-19 testing staff (close to exit), who will affix the colour coded dot to your respective badge.

Exit the Novotel, cross the street and proceed towards the Palacio Municipal (Assembly venue).
TESTING CENTRE FOR COVID-19: NOVOTEL MADRID CAMPO DE LAS NACIONES

For registered participants only

Address of the testing station: Novotel hotel, Campo de las Naciones, C. de Ámsterdam, N°3, 28042 Madrid, Spain
Room name: Sala Calathea
Google Maps link: https://goo.gl/maps/XqDvwwijkzAMAFBV9

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The tests at our testing site will be antigen tests (nasal or throat swab). The antigen test results will take about 15 minutes and be valid for 48 hours.

* We urgently call upon all members of delegations to use the testing facilities on the day before their meetings start to avoid bottlenecks and waiting time. You are requested to carry a photo ID with you.
Please note that the testing centre will not carry out PCR tests (these will only be done in exceptional situations, in the event of a positive antigen test). If delegates require a PCR test for travel back to their country, they are encouraged to seek support from their diplomatic mission or the hotel where they are staying, with a view to identifying the closest testing centre (costs will not be covered by the Assembly organizers).

FAQs regarding coronavirus and other relevant information can also be found on the Spain Travel Health Portal website but do note that the information therein may change due to the development of the pandemic. All delegates are expected to observe the IFEMA COVID regulations on COVID-19 safety protocols and the Organiser regulations and support.