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Time	Meeting	Place
09:00 – 10:00	Gender Partnership Group (closed)	Hall Londres 2nd Floor Palacio Municipal
09:00 – 10:30	Parity Debate <i>Are men and women MPs equally engaged in gender equality?</i>	Hall Madrid 1st Floor Palacio Municipal
09:00 – 11:00	Bureau of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights (closed)	Hall Berlin 1st Floor Palacio Municipal
09:00 – 12:00	Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP) <i>Visit of the Senate of Spain</i>	
09:00 – 13:00	Assembly <i>Continuation of the General Debate</i>	Hall 3 IFEMA
11:00 – 13:00	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development <i>Panel discussion on the theme: Impact of climate change on natural resources: How can parliaments ensure inclusive water access and availability?</i> <i>Special guest speakers:</i> - Mr. Lifeng Li, Food and Agriculture Organization (remote) - Mr. Dean Muruven, World Wildlife Fund (remote) <i>Elections</i>	Hall Madrid 1st Floor Palacio Municipal
11:30 – 13:00	Open Session of the Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law <i>Supporting a mine-free world: Universalisation and implementation of the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention</i> <i>Special guest speakers:</i> - Mr. Juan Carlos Ruan, Director, Implementation Support Unit, Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention - Ms. Josephine Dresner, International Policy and Partnerships Director, Mines Advisory Group - Ms. Sarah Ménard April, Legal Adviser, Advisory Services on IHL, International Committee of the Red Cross	Hall Berlin 1st Floor Palacio Municipal
14:30 – 16:30	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security <i>Panel discussion on the theme: Parliament's role in addressing the risks of diversion in arms transfers</i> <i>Special guest speakers:</i> - Mr. Robert del Picchia, former Senator, France - Ms. Binalakshmi Nepam Mentschel, Co-founder of the Control Arms Foundation of India and of the Manipur Women Gun Survivor Network - Mr. Alyn Ware, PNND Global Coordinator - Ms. Karin Olofsson, Secretary-General of the Parliamentary Forum for Small Arms and Light Weapons <i>Elections</i>	Hall Roma 2nd Floor Palacio Municipal
14:30 – 17:30	Committee on Middle East Questions (closed)	Hall Londres 2nd Floor Palacio Municipal

14:30 – 18:00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians (closed)	Hall Berlin 1st Floor Palacio Municipal
14:30 – 18:30	Assembly <i>Adoption of the resolution on the emergency item</i> <i>Conclusion of the General Debate</i>	Hall 3 IFEMA
14:30 – 18:30	Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs <i>Panel discussion: The global vaccination campaign to end the COVID-19 pandemic: lessons from the WHO and WTO</i> <i>Special guest speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Soumya Swaminathan, Chief Scientist, World Health Organization - Dr Katherine O'Brien, Director of Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals, World Health Organization - Mr. Efraim Gomez, Chief of Staff, UNAIDS <i>Panel discussion: The UN Secretary General's Report on Our Common Agenda</i> <i>Special guest speaker:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Michele Griffin, Policy Advisor, Executive Office of the Secretary-General <i>Elections</i>	Hall Madrid 1st Floor Palacio Municipal
15:00 – 17:00	Workshop (joint IPU – ASGP – UNDP event) <i>Public engagement in the work of parliaments: Challenges, opportunities, and good practices</i> <i>Special guest speaker:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Charles Chauvel, Global Lead and Asia-Pacific Focal Point, Inclusive Processes and Institutions, United Nations Development Programme 	Hall Paris 1st Floor Palacio Municipal
17:00 – 18:30	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights <i>Adoption of the draft resolution</i> <i>Selection of the subject of the next resolution</i> <i>Elections</i>	Hall Roma 2nd Floor Palacio Municipal

GENERAL INFORMATION - Committee on Middle East Questions

On 30 November, the Governing Council will elect **five members** (two men and three women). The following candidatures have been received:

- [Mr. Mardani Ali Serah](#), member of the House of Representatives, Indonesia
- [Mr. Karim Darwish](#), member of the House of Representatives, Egypt
- [Ms. Nadia Essayan](#), member of the National Assembly, France
- [Mr. Marwan Obaid Ali Obaid Almheiri](#), member of the Federal National Council, United Arab Emirates
- [Mr. Alexander Gamal Radwan](#), member of the Bundestag, Germany

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