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150th IPU Assembly

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Convocation

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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

The 150th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and related meetings will be held at the Tashkent City Congress Centre, Uzbekistan, from Saturday, 5 to Wednesday, 9 April 2025.

We are pleased to enclose detailed information on these meetings, including the timetable of the Assembly and the agendas of the IPU statutory bodies. We very much hope that your Parliament will be represented at the 150th Assembly and that the delegation, under your leadership, will take an active part in the proceedings. We would like to draw your attention to the requirement that those members of your Parliament who hold office in the various bodies of the IPU be included in the delegation.

Yours sincerely,

Tulia Ackson
President

Martin Chungong
Secretary General

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INFORMATION ON THE ASSEMBLY

AGENDA

1. Election of the President of the 150th Assembly
2. Consideration of requests for the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda
3. General Debate on the theme *Parliamentary action for social development and justice*
4. Special accountability segment on the implementation of IPU resolutions and other decisions
5. *The role of parliaments in advancing a two-State solution in Palestine*
(Standing Committee on Peace and International Security)
6. *Parliamentary strategies to mitigate the long-lasting impact of conflicts, including armed conflicts, on sustainable development*
(Standing Committee on Sustainable Development)
7. Reports of the Standing Committees
8. Approval of the subject items for the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security and for the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development for the 152nd Assembly and appointment of the co-Rapporteurs
9. Amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules

TIMETABLE

The Timetable of the Assembly and related meetings is set out in **Annex 1**. The **Inaugural Ceremony** will take place at **19:00 on Saturday, 5 April 2025**.

The Governing Council will convene on 6 and 9 April 2025 and will consider and take decisions on matters relating to the functioning and activities of the IPU. The agenda of the 215th session of the IPU Governing Council, and those of the other statutory bodies meeting during the 150th Assembly, are available in **Annex 2**.

The Assembly will start its General Debate on 6 April 2025 with the high-level segment reserved for Speakers of Parliament. A concept note on the overall theme of the General Debate will be posted in due course on the Assembly webpage.

An accountability segment will take place during the Assembly plenary on 8 April 2025, when Member Parliaments will have an opportunity to report on their work in follow-up to IPU resolutions and other decisions. The Assembly is expected to complete its business by 18:00 on Wednesday, 9 April 2025, concluding with the adoption of resolutions on the emergency item and the subject items taken up by the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security and the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, and of an outcome document on the theme of the General Debate.

EMERGENCY ITEM

According to Assembly Rule 11.1 and Article 14.2 of the Statutes, any Member Parliament of the IPU may request the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda. If the Assembly so decides, the emergency item will be debated by the Assembly in the morning of 8 April 2025. Provision has also been made for a drafting committee to meet in the afternoon that same day in order to prepare a draft resolution. The Assembly will then adopt a resolution on 9 April 2025.

All requests for inclusion of an emergency item must relate to a recent major situation of international concern, on which urgent action by the international community is required and on which it is appropriate for the IPU to express its opinion and mobilize a parliamentary response. In order to ensure translation and dissemination, all proposals for an emergency item should be submitted to the IPU Secretariat by **17:00 on 5 April 2025**. The proposals should contain a brief explanatory memorandum and a draft resolution, which clearly define the scope of the subject covered by the request.

Following discussions by the Working Group on amendments to the Statutes and Rules and the Executive Committee on the overall emergency item process, provision has been made for the Assembly to debate and potentially adopt a resolution on a second emergency item proposal. If a second proposal for an emergency item meets the two-thirds majority required to pass but does not garner the highest number of votes, there will be a possibility for that item to be debated by the Assembly in the morning of 8 April 2025, and for a second drafting committee to meet in parallel with the first drafting committee in the afternoon that same day. This approach is being trialled at this Assembly and if successful will potentially be reflected in future amendments to the Rules.

GOVERNING COUNCIL

The Governing Council is composed of three members from each parliament represented in the IPU. Each parliament's representation on the Governing Council must include both men and women. Single-gender delegations will be limited to one member (Governing Council Rule 1.2).

In conformity with Governing Council Rule 12, members of the Council may request the inclusion of supplementary items in the agenda. Such items must fall within the mandate of the Council which, according to Article 20 of the Statutes, determines and guides the activities of the IPU and controls their implementation.

Any requests for the inclusion of supplementary items will immediately be transmitted by the Secretariat to all Governing Council members. After hearing the opinion of the Executive Committee, the Council shall decide on such a request by a majority of votes cast if the request is received by the Secretariat at least 15 days before the opening of the session; or otherwise by a two-thirds majority.

STANDING COMMITTEES

All four Standing Committees will meet during the Assembly. The Standing Committees, among other things, organize debates on issues within their mandate, and adopt resolutions and motions that express the collective position of the IPU and set out actions for follow-up by Member Parliaments.

In order to maximize their contribution to the implementation of the IPU 2022-2026 Strategy, the Standing Committees have decided to give priority to a specific set of "focus areas" (**Annex 3**). The focus areas will serve as guidance when setting the agenda and workplan for the Standing Committees.

The Standing Committee on Peace and International Security will discuss and adopt a resolution on the subject item *The role of parliaments in advancing a two-State solution in Palestine*, and the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development will discuss and adopt a resolution on the subject item *Parliamentary strategies to mitigate the long-lasting effects impact of conflicts, including armed conflicts, on sustainable development*.

The other two Standing Committees will hold hearings and panel discussions as approved at the 149th IPU Assembly.

PARTICIPATION

IPU Member Parliaments may appoint a maximum of eight delegates, or 10 for parliaments of countries with a population of 100 million inhabitants or more (Article 10.2 of the Statutes). The number of additional MPs accompanying delegations as Advisers must not exceed two.

Member Parliaments are kindly reminded that IPU office-holders should be included in delegations to the Assembly. The list of current office-holders is available on the IPU website [here](#). Confirmation of registration may be delayed for those delegations that fail to include office-holders.

In keeping with Article 10.3 of the Statutes, Member Parliaments "...may register one additional delegate if **at least** one young parliamentarian (below 40 years of age) is part of the delegation on condition that the delegation is composed of both sexes and the Member Parliament is not in arrears in the payment of its assessed contributions". Needless to say, Member Parliaments are welcome to include more than one young parliamentarian in their delegation.

All Member Parliaments are also encouraged to strive for **gender parity** and **political balance** in the **composition of their delegations**. In accordance with Article 10.4 of the Statutes, any delegation which, for two consecutive sessions of the Assembly, is composed exclusively of parliamentarians of the same sex shall automatically be reduced by one person.

Geopolitical groups are kindly requested to schedule their meetings on 4 April 2025, or at any time on 5 April 2025 which does not conflict with the sittings of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians.

IPU Member Parliaments whose arrears equal or exceed the amount of the contributions due from them for the preceding two full years shall not be represented by more than two delegates at meetings of the IPU (Article 5.2 of the Statutes), nor shall they be entitled to vote.

Associate Members may participate in the Assembly and its Standing Committees with the same rights as Member Parliaments, with the exception of the right to vote and to present candidates for elective office.

International organizations and other bodies invited by the Governing Council to be represented at the Assembly as permanent observers shall be entitled to register a maximum of two delegates.

VACANCIES TO BE FILLED DURING THE 150th ASSEMBLY

A list of vacancies for IPU bodies will be circulated to Member Parliaments and posted on the IPU website prior to the opening of the Assembly.

Elections will be held to renew the whole Bureau of Young Parliamentarians. The newly elected Bureau will then elect its new President.

Member Parliaments are invited to consider submitting candidatures for the committees and other bodies of the IPU ([see here](#)) bearing in mind the gender balance requirements of the bodies concerned, as provided for in the IPU Statutes and Rules. Candidates should have expertise, as far as possible, in the areas of work of the given bodies, and should be supported by their respective parliament in carrying out their functions as IPU office-holders. **Member Parliaments not currently holding IPU offices are particularly encouraged to submit candidatures.**

PREPARATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS AND SELECTION OF AGENDA ITEMS

The deadlines pertaining to the preparation of the resolutions for the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security and the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development are as follows:

20 December 2024	Deadline for the rapporteurs to submit the draft resolutions and explanatory memorandums to the IPU Secretariat.
14 March 2025	Deadline for IPU Member Parliaments to submit proposals for amendments to the draft resolutions.
5-9 April 2025	150th IPU Assembly Finalization and adoption of the resolutions

All Member Parliaments may contribute to the drafting of resolutions by submitting a brief written input (Standing Committee Rule 13.1). They are also encouraged to submit input for the draft resolution to be adopted at the 151st IPU Assembly (October 2025) by the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights on *Recognizing and supporting the victims of illegal international adoption and taking measures to prevent this practice*. Written input on this draft resolution is welcome until 30 April 2025.

In accordance with the Rules of the Standing Committees, proposals for subject items should be submitted up to one day prior to the meeting of the respective Standing Committee Bureau. As such, Member Parliaments wishing to do so should submit to the IPU Secretariat their proposals for the subject items to be taken up by the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security and the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development by 7 April 2025.

These will serve as the basis for consultations by the Standing Committee Bureaux before a final decision is taken by the above-mentioned Standing Committees.

GENERAL DEBATE (Item 3 of the agenda)

In keeping with the Assembly Rules (Rule 22.1), two representatives of each delegation may speak during the General Debate. In this case, they shall share the speaking time as they deem fit. An additional MP from each delegation may address the General Debate, provided he/she is a young parliamentarian (below 40 years of age).

As per usual practice, in order to take the floor in the General Debate, Member Parliaments may register on the spot at the speakers' registration desk outside the Plenary Hall. Member Parliaments may also register their speaker(s) in advance through the online registration system, which will open on 13 January 2025.

Speaking time will be determined based on the number of registered speakers and the following general guidelines:

List A	High-level segment (Presiding Officers)	7 minutes
List B	First speakers from delegations	6 minutes
List C	Second speakers from delegations	Time remaining
	(up to a total of 7 minutes for two speakers)	
List D	Young parliamentarians (below 40 years of age)	2 minutes

The order of speakers will be determined by a public drawing of lots at 17:00 on 5 April 2025. The Steering Committee may decide, in view of the number of registered speakers, to reduce the allotted speaking time.

VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE ASSEMBLY

According to Assembly Rule 7.3, all delegations from Member Parliaments are entitled to designate one of their members as a Vice-President of the Assembly. Some of the Vice-Presidents may be called upon to replace the President of the Assembly during a sitting or part of a sitting.

Delegations are invited to indicate the name of the parliamentarian nominated as a Vice-President of the Assembly prior to the event by email (documents@ipu.org). Alternatively, names may be communicated to the Documents Control Service at the Conference Centre by 12:00 noon on 6 April 2025.

ALLOCATION OF VOTES

A provisional table showing the votes allocated to delegations to the 150th Assembly will be made available on the Assembly webpage.

Member Parliaments are kindly requested to check the figures against their country name and, if necessary, inform the IPU Secretariat in writing of any modifications required, preferably ahead of the Assembly. The final table showing the allocation of votes at the Assembly will be distributed at the opening of the session.

LANGUAGES, SPEECHES AND DOCUMENTATION

The IPU Secretariat will provide simultaneous interpretation in the IPU Assembly's working languages (Arabic, English, French and Spanish) at the meetings of all statutory bodies.

Four other interpretation booths have been reserved for Chinese, Japanese, Portuguese and Russian at sittings of the Assembly and the Governing Council. The number of additional booths available in the Plenary Hall is limited. The related costs incurred must be borne by the requesting party. All such requests will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis.

For all other meetings, interpretation will be provided remotely via Zoom. Consequently, any parliament wishing to have a channel for meetings serviced by remote simultaneous interpretation (RSI) should ensure that their interpreters are fully trained in the use of this cloud-based platform. The IPU Conference Services team (conf.services@ipu.org) will be pleased to provide more information, where needed.

Official statements delivered in the General Debate will be published on the Assembly webpage and will form part of the official records of the Assembly. All delegations are therefore encouraged to send their statements to speeches@ipu.org, clearly stating the name of the speaker and the meeting at which the speech was delivered. Due to technical limitations, only speeches in English, French and Spanish will be posted.

In keeping with the decision by the IPU Governing Council to reduce the carbon footprint of the Organization and continue to curb paper waste, only a very limited number of documentation sets will be printed for the various sittings of the Assembly.

ASSEMBLY APP

The 150th Assembly App will be available for download free of charge in late March 2025. The App is intended to allow the online consultation of official IPU documents as part of the IPU's paper smart policy and to facilitate delegates' participation in IPU Assemblies.

RESULTS OF THE ASSEMBLY

All delegations will receive one printed copy of the *Results* of the 150th Assembly. In addition, the document will be published on the IPU website after the close of the Assembly, when a complete electronic version can be downloaded in PDF format.

REGISTRATION

All delegations are requested to respect the registration deadline of 24 March 2025 and should use the IPU online registration system. An information note on how to use the registration system will be made available on the Assembly webpage.

DELEGATES' STAY IN TASHKENT

For all logistical matters relating to delegates' stay in Tashkent, delegations are invited to refer to the website set up by the Parliament of Uzbekistan for the 150th Assembly, at <https://IPU150.uz>.

The General Information document, to be sent with the official Invitation from the Parliament of Uzbekistan, contains details on delegates' stay in Tashkent. Requests for hotel reservations should be made as soon as possible. Delegations are reminded that, in keeping with IPU practice, the costs of international travel and hotel accommodation are to be borne by their respective institutions.

All delegates should also have international health insurance when travelling abroad.

Additional information and assistance can be readily obtained from the 150th Assembly Secretariat of the Parliament of Uzbekistan at:

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