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# Parliamentary Forum and Speakers' Summits

# Jointly organized by the National Congress of Argentina and the Inter-Parliamentary Union

31 October - 2 November 2018

# Practical Information

## <u>Venue</u>

1. The Parliamentary Forum and Speakers' Summits in the context of the G20 Leaders' Summit will be held from 31 October to 2 November 2018, on the premises of the National Congress of Argentina:

Palacio Legislativo Calle Rivadavia 1850 1033 Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires Tel.: (54-11) 4127-7100

2. For the National Congress building, the official hotels and the main tourist attractions of Buenos Aires see <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?hl=es-419&hl=es-41

3. The Ministro Pistarini International Airport, also known as Ezeiza International Airport, is 40 minutes away from the National Congress. The Jorge Newbery Airfield is 20 minutes away from the National Congress.

## Dates and schedule

4. The **Parliamentary Forum in the context of the G20** will include two sittings: from 9 am to 6.30 p.m. on 31 October, and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on 1 November.

5. The **Parliamentary Speakers' Summit in the context of the G20** will include two sittings: from 3 to 6:45 p.m. on 1 November, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on 2 November.

6. The **Parliamentary Women Speakers Summit on the occasion of the Parliamentary Speakers Summit** will include a lunch from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and a sitting from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

## Participation and registration

7. The Parliamentary Speakers' Summits are intended for Speakers or their assigned representatives, while the Parliamentary Forum is intended for all invited delegations.

8. Members of parliament and accompanying staff travelling to Buenos Aires for the Parliamentary Speakers' Summits and Parliamentary Forum are responsible for making their own travel and accommodation arrangements and for obtaining entry visas for Argentina, if necessary.

9. All delegates are requested to complete the enclosed registration form, which can also be downloaded from the IPU website at: <u>https://www.ipu.org/event/parliamentary-speakers-summit-g20/documents</u>. The form should be returned to the IPU Secretariat by <u>15 October</u> at the latest. Any modifications concerning the composition of the delegation should likewise be communicated to the IPU Secretariat.

10. Due to the limited seating capacity of the meeting room at the National Congress, the number of parliamentarians per delegation should normally not exceed three for the Forum, and not more than the Speaker or her/his designated representative for the Summit (accompanied by not more than two support staff). Parliaments are encouraged to strive for gender-balanced delegations.

11. The Registration Desk at the National Congress will be located at the entrance of the meeting room and will be open from 8 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. on 31 October, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 6 p.m. on 1 November, and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on 2 November.

12. Access to the National Congress will be subject to some restrictions. All delegates are therefore requested to wear their identification badges at all times during the session and at social functions/events.

#### List of delegates

13. A provisional list of delegates taking part in the Parliamentary Forum will be distributed at the Registration Desk on 31 October. This list will be issued on the basis of confirmations received by the IPU Secretariat. Delegates are kindly requested to report any changes to the provisional list to the Registration Desk no later than 12 p.m. (noon) on 1 November. The final list of delegates will be published on the IPU website after the session.

#### **Working modalities**

14. Detailed work programmes of the Parliamentary Speakers' Summits and Parliamentary Forum will be circulated in advance of the events and published on the IPU website.

15. All agenda items will be addressed in plenary. The programmes will include hearings, keynote presentations and debates on substantive themes. The debate on each substantive theme will be introduced by rapporteurs, who will present their discussion papers.

16. The format of the session being largely interactive, delegates are requested to avoid reading formal prepared statements. Instead, they are invited to participate in the debate by making brief statements and formulating questions and proposals. As there will be no formal list of speakers drawn up in advance, the order of interventions and questions will be decided by the chairs of the sittings.

#### **Outcome document of the Parliamentary Speakers' Summit**

17. The overall responsibility for the preparation of the draft outcome document rests with the National Congress of Argentina, which will appoint a Rapporteur of the session from among its members.

18. The Rapporteur will prepare a draft outcome document for consideration by 1 September 2018. The draft will be sent to the G20 Speakers for their input, and a revised draft will then be circulated in advance of the Summit. The deadline for the submission of final amendments is 15 October. No further substantive amendments will be possible after that date.

19. The outcome document will be finalized by accompanying parliamentary officials in the morning of Thursday, 1 November.

20. The final draft will be presented by the Rapporteur and adopted by consensus by the Speakers at the closing sitting.

#### <u>Languages</u>

21. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided for both the Parliamentary Forum and the Speakers' Summits in English, French and Spanish. Official documentation of the session will be available in English and French only. Additional interpretation booths for other languages will be available on a first come first serve basis. Delegations are kindly requested to inform the IPU Secretariat should they need a booth for their own interpreters.

#### **Documents**

22. The official documents of the session will be its programme, agenda, list of delegates, discussion papers prepared by the rapporteurs, and the draft outcome document prepared by the National Congress of Argentina and the IPU.

23. Should participants wish to distribute their own documents or other material pertaining to the agenda of the session, they are kindly requested to inform the organizers about it as early as possible. The National Congress of Argentina will provide tables for that purpose which will be located just outside the entrance of the meeting room.

#### <u>Visas</u>

24. All delegates requiring an entry visa to Argentina should request one sufficiently ahead of time. Information on the visa application process can be found at: http://www.migraciones.gov.ar/accesible/indexN.php?visas

#### Travel and hotel accommodation

25. Delegates are responsible for making their own travel and accommodation arrangements. The availability of hotel rooms in Buenos Aires at the time of the Parliamentary Speakers' Summits and Forum will be limited. It is therefore recommended to book hotel rooms as soon as possible. Special rates will be guaranteed until 10 October.

26. Rooms have been booked for parliamentary delegates at the following hotels (please note that rooms will be allocated on a first come first serve basis):

#### Five-star hotels

• Intercontinental Buenos Aires Hotel (<u>http://intercontinental-buenos-aires-hotel.hotel-ds.com/en/</u>)

809 Moreno St. - C1091AAQ, Buenos Aires

- Hotel NH Buenos Aires City (<u>https://www.nh-hotels.com/hotel/nh-buenos-aires-city</u>). Bolivar 160 - C1066AAD, Buenos Aires Reservations tel.: +54.11.5984.2626
- Hilton Buenos Aires (<u>http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/argentina/hilton-buenos-aires-BUEHIHH/index.html</u>)
  Av. Macacha Guemes 351, Puerto Madero C1106BKG, Buenos Aires Reservations tel.: +54-11-4891-0000, e-mail: reservations.buenosaires@hilton.com
- Panamericano Buenos Aires Hotel (<u>https://www.panamericano.us/en/</u>). Av. Carlos Pellegrini 551 - 1009 Buenos Aires Reservations tel.: +54.11.5354.2031, e-mail: reservas@panamericano.us

#### Four-star hotels

- Savoy Hotel (<u>www.savoyhotel.com.ar</u>) Av. Callao 181, C1022AAB Buenos Aires Reservations tel.: +54.11. 4370.8079, fax: +54.11.4370.8020 or email <u>ventas1@savoyhotel.com.ar</u>
- Tango de Mayo Hotel (<u>http://www.tango-hotel.com.ar/index.php?lng=en</u>) Av. De Mayo 1396 - C1085ABQ Monserrat, Buenos Aires Reservations tel.: +54.11.3221.6580, e-mail: <u>lverde@tango-hotel.com.ar</u>
- Hotel Uno Buenos Aires Suites (<u>http://www.unosuites.com/en/</u>) Av. Rivadavia 1944 - C1033AAJ, Buenos Aires Reservations tel.: +54.11.3531.7777, e-mail: <u>front@unosuites.com</u>

#### **Miscellaneous**

27. For information concerning weather conditions, currency, local transport, telecommunications, catering and medical services in Buenos Aires, the organizers will publish a practical information booklet by 1 September that will be sent to the delegates and also displayed on the IPU website.

### **Requests for further information**

28. Requests for further information concerning the Buenos Aires Parliamentary Speakers' Summits and Parliamentary Forum should be addressed to:

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