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Sixth IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians

9 and 10 September 2019, Asunción (Paraguay)

Information note

BACKGROUND

The IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians has been taking place annually since 2014. It brings together hundreds of young men and women parliamentarians to empower them, help them build solidarity and networks, and promote a youth-coordinated approach to issues of common interest. The conferences have addressed political participation and democracy (Geneva, 2014), peace and prosperity (Tokyo, 2015), the Sustainable Development Goals (Lusaka, 2016), political, social and economic inclusion (Ottawa, 2017), and the rights of future generations (Baku, 2018). The conferences are youth-led in their conceptualization, implementation and outcomes.

VENUE AND DATE

The Sixth IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians will take place on 9 and 10 September 2019 at the Congress of Paraguay, Asunción, Paraguay.

PARTICIPATION

The Conference is open to young members of national parliaments under 45 years of age. Parliaments are invited to send a gender-balanced delegation of a maximum of four members, and are encouraged to **include their youngest members in their delegation**. Parliamentary staff members may also attend.

IPU Associate Members and Observers that work on youth-related matters are also invited to take part in the Conference, as are international and regional youth associations, organizations and parliaments.

The IPU and the Congress of Paraguay will also invite a selected group of senior politicians and experts to contribute to the discussions and take part in the debates.

ORGANIZATION OF PROCEEDINGS

In keeping with standard IPU practice, all delegates will have equal speaking rights. In order to ensure that the discussions are as vibrant and dynamic as possible, the following rules will apply:

- There will be no list of speakers on any agenda item.
- Participants are asked to not read out prepared statements, but rather to naturally engage in lively discussions. Subject to arrangements that the Chairs of sessions may make depending on the circumstances, oral contributions may not exceed three minutes. Participants may speak several times on each item, particularly to respond to other statements.

- The Conference sessions will include presentations by experts and resource persons, debates and interactive discussion panels in moderated plenary and breakout group sessions.
- Two Rapporteurs will sum up the work of the Conference at its concluding session.

DOCUMENTS

Participants will receive the written texts of the presentations by the resource persons as they become available. Documents will be distributed in English, French and Spanish where possible.

For the background information of participants, the IPU Secretariat will, as far as possible, make background documentation available about the issues under discussion.

Participants wishing to distribute relevant documents to their colleagues will be required to provide them in sufficient quantities and to bring them to the meeting room.

LANGUAGES

English and French are the official working languages of the IPU. Simultaneous interpretation will also be available into and from Arabic, English, French and Spanish.

A number of additional interpretation booths will be available for those national delegations that wish to bring their own team of interpreters. These will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests for an additional simultaneous interpretation booth should be made to the secretariat of the host parliament.

REGISTRATION

The parliaments and organizations invited to the Global Conference are requested to register their participants no later than **21 August 2019** using the enclosed registration form. Please send the form by e-mail to the IPU and the Congress of Paraguay at:

Inter-Parliamentary Union
 5, Chemin du Pommier
 case postale 330
 1218 Grand-Saconnex – GENEVA
 Switzerland
 e-mail: postbox@ipu.org
 Tel.: +41 22 919 41 50

Senate
National Congress of Paraguay
Dirección General de Protocolo
 14 de Mayo e/ Avda. República – ASUNCIÓN
 Paraguay
 e-mail: protocolohcs@gmail.com
 Tel.: +595 21 414 53 03
 +595 21 414 53 04
 +595 21 414 53 12

VISAS

For entry into Paraguay, all Conference participants must have a passport which must be valid for at least six months following the Conference. Participants may also require a valid visa. Consult the list of countries that have visa waiver agreements with Paraguay at:
http://www.migraciones.gov.py/application/files/8115/4808/3494/Supresion_de_Visas_-_oct17.pdf.

Participants who require a visa can obtain one on arrival in the country. Visas are processed by the office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs located in Silvio Pettrossi International Airport. To facilitate processing, when sending their registration forms, participants who require a visa on arrival are kindly asked to also join scanned copies of their passport information page.

Please note that all Conference participants are exempt from visa application fees.

Staff from the Congress's Protocol Service will greet participants at the airport and accompany them to get their visa.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION AND FLIGHTS

Delegates will bear the costs of their air travel, accommodation, transfer between the airport and the hotel and subsistence.

Hotel	Rooms			Transfer service	Contact
Palmaroga	Standard	Standard single	Standard triple	Cost per journey for up to 3 people (airport-hotel-airport)	Juan Domínguez reservas@palmaroga.com Tel.: +595 21 441441 Mob.: +595 984 487 265 Palma 853 s/ Montevideo y Ayolas Asunción – Paraguay
Price (US dollars)	72	83	105		
	Duplex	Executive suite	Premium / Presidential		
Price (US dollars)	95	105	105 / 215	25	

Hotel	Rooms			Transfer service	Contact
Granados Park	Single junior suite	Double junior suite	Triple junior suite	Prices include airport transfer (airport-hotel-airport) – must be reserved in advance and flight details provided.	Stephanía Franco reservas@granadospark.com.py Tel.: +595 21 497 921 15 de Agosto y Estrella Asunción – Paraguay
Price (US dollars)	95	100	120		
	Executive suite	Luxury suite	Premium / Presidential suite		
Price (US dollars)	130	150	180 / 400		

Hotel	Rooms		Transfer service	Contact
Cecilia	Single	Double	Cost per journey for up to 3 people (airport-hotel-airport)	Lic. Verónica Giménez info@hotelcecilia.com.py Tel.: +595 21 210 365 +595 21 133 435 EE.UU. 341 y Mariscal Estigarribia Asunción – Paraguay
Price (US dollars)	58	60		

Hotel	Rooms		Transfer service	Contact
Margaritas	Single	Double	Cost per journey for up to 3 people (airport-hotel-airport)	Lic. Laura Chaparro reservas@lasmargaritas.com.py Tel.: +595 21 448 765 Estrella esq. 15 de Agosto Asunción – Paraguay
Price (US dollars)	60	60		

Hotel	Rooms		Transfer service	Contact
Guaraní	Single	Double	Cost per journey for up to 3 people (airport-hotel-airport)	Lic. Lidia Palacios reservas@hotelguarani.com.py Tel.: +595 21 45 20 99 Oliva esq. Independencia Asunción – Paraguay
Price (US dollars)	72	72		

Hotel	Rooms		Transfer service	Contact
Crowne Plaza	Single	Double	Cost per journey for up to 2 people (airport-hotel-airport)	Marcelo Machuca marcelo.machuca@crowneasuncion.com.py of: +595 21 452 682 Cerro Cora 939 c/ Estados Unidos Asunción – Paraguay
Price (US dollars)	77	77		

These are daily rates in US dollars and include taxes and an American buffet breakfast as well as other hotel-specific amenities.

Delegates should make their reservations directly with the hotel by contacting the contact person listed above and mentioning the Global Conference in order to be eligible for the negotiated accommodation rates.

Requests for hotel reservations will be dealt with on a first-come, first-served basis. Delegates are encouraged to make their reservations as soon as possible.

Delegates are responsible for covering the cost of their accommodation and airport transfer, which is payable directly to the hotel. They should inform the hotel of their travel plans and any changes thereto in order to benefit from the relevant services.

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION DESK

The Congress of Paraguay will run an information and registration desk in the Central Hall of the National Congress (14 de Mayo e/ Avda. República, Asunción, Paraguay) during the following hours:

- Sunday, 8 September 2019, 2–6 p.m.
- Monday, 9 September 2019, 7.30 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Tuesday, 10 September 2019, 7.30 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Wednesday, 11 September 2019, 7.30 a.m.–6 p.m.

TRANSPORT

Flights: Delegates are responsible for all air travel arrangements and shall cover all related costs.

Airport transfer (airport-hotel-airport): Each hotel offers an airport transfer service, which should be booked when the hotel reservation is made.

Transport to the National Congress and special events: The Congress of Paraguay will provide delegates with transport from and to their designated hotel.

LUNCH

The Congress of Paraguay will provide lunch for the delegates on the Global Conference days.

RECEPTION

The Congress of Paraguay will organize a welcome drinks reception on 9 September 2019 at 7 p.m. in the "Agustín Pio Barrios *Casa Bicentenario de la Música*" at the National Congress's Cultural Centre. Address: Calle Cerro Corá no. 848 between Tacuary and Estados Unidos, Asunción, Paraguay. Dress code: smart everyday wear.

FIRST-AID SERVICE

First aid will be available at the venue during the conference. All other medical services and prescriptions will be at the participants' own expense.

HEALTH INSURANCE AND MEDICATION

Delegates are responsible for the cost of all personal medical services and must have health insurance prior to arriving in Paraguay. Coverage must include medical care received at facilities such as hospitals, clinics and doctors' offices.

Individuals under special medical treatment are encouraged to bring sufficient quantities of the medication they need.

It is also important that participants with prescribed medication (medications, prescription glasses, etc.) bring a copy of their prescriptions. Medication should not be placed in checked-in luggage but in carry-on luggage on board the aircraft to avoid any problems resulting from lost or delayed luggage.

SECURITY

All necessary security measures will be taken. Participants are requested to wear their ID badges in a visible manner at all times during official programme events. All lost badges must be reported as soon as possible to the information and registration desk of the Congress of Paraguay.

CLIMATE

Asunción has a very humid subtropical climate. The average minimum temperature in Asunción in September is 15°C, with an average daytime high of 30°C.

CURRENCY REGULATIONS

Foreign currency may only be exchanged at the airport, hotel and nearby banks. Major credit cards are accepted in hotels and most shops.

The official currency in Paraguay is the Paraguayan Guarani (PYG). The rate is approximately 6,250.00 PYG to 1 US dollar.

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

- Time zone: Local time in Asuncion is GMT -4 hours.
- Electricity: The electrical supply is 220 Volts and 50 Hertz. Electrical sockets (outlets) used in Paraguay are type C.
- Telephone: Country code +595.
 - International calls from Asuncion: 00 + country code + city code + number.
- Asunción volunteer fire brigade – Tel.: +595 21 225 550
- Medical emergency room address: Avda. General Santos, Asunción, Paraguay / Tel.: +595 21 204 800.

LINKS OF INTEREST

- Senate – www.senado.gov.py
- Chamber of Deputies – www.diputados.gov.py
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs – www.mre.gov.py
- Police – www.policianacional.gov.py
- Secretariat for Tourism – www.senatur.gov.py
- Itaipu Binacional (hydroelectric power supplier for Paraguay and Brazil) – www.itaipu.gov.py
- Entidad Binacional Yacyreta (hydroelectric power supplier for Paraguay and Argentina) – www.eby.gov.py