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Time	Meeting	Place ²
8 a.m. – 9 a.m.	Steering Committee of the Assembly <i>The Steering Committee is composed of the President of the Assembly, the President of the IPU and the Vice-President of the Executive Committee, as well as the Presidents of the Standing Committees.</i>	Delegation Unit 10 ground floor Building A (in camera)
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU	Art Café ground floor, Building B (in camera)
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Governing Council	Hall 1/0 ground floor, Building A
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights ♦ Presentation, debate and possible start of drafting in plenary of the draft resolution on <i>Achieving universal health coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensuring the right to health</i>	Amphitheatre ground floor Building B
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade ♦ Debate on <i>Mainstreaming digitalization and the circular economy to achieve the SDGs, particularly responsible consumption and production</i> ♦ Segment on preparations for the Parliamentary Meeting at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 25) in Chile in December 2019	Hall 3/0 ground floor Building A
11 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Association of Secretaries General of Parliament (ASGP) Meeting	Hall 2/0 ground floor, Building A
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Assembly 11 a.m. – 11.45 a.m. ♦ Start of the General Debate on <i>Strengthening international law: Parliamentary roles and mechanisms, and the contribution of regional cooperation</i> Opening remarks by the IPU President Special guest speaker: Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi, conflict mediator, former Algerian Foreign Minister and UN diplomat, founding member of The Elders Gender and youth perspectives: › Ms. S. Kihika (Kenya), President of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians › Mr. M. Bouva (Suriname), President of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU	Hall 1/0 ground floor Building A
11.45 a.m. – 1 p.m.	– High-level segment of the General Debate (A list of speakers is available for the General Debate.)	

GENERAL DEBATE – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Seating arrangements in view of high attendance – Plenary Hall (Hall 1/0). On the basis of seats available at desks, where possible Members with delegations of up to five MPs will be allocated a total of four seats (two at desks), those with six to eight MPs six seats (three at desks) and those with nine or more MPs eight seats (four at desks).

¹ Information as at 5 p.m. on 13 October.

² All meeting rooms indicated are located in the Sava Centre.

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law	Art Café ground floor, Building B (in camera)
1 p.m. – 1.15 p.m.	Group photo – all Heads of delegation The photo will be taken immediately after the morning sitting of the Assembly. <i>Reminder – High-level working luncheon: Speakers of Parliament are kindly reminded that they are cordially invited by the IPU President and Secretary General to a luncheon at 1.15 p.m. (immediately after the Group photo), in the Exhibition venue (ground floor), Crowne Plaza hotel. RSVP to executive@ipu.org.</i>	Hall 1/0 ground floor Building A
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Assembly	Hall 1/0 ground floor Building A
2.30 p.m. – 5 p.m.	♦ Continuation of the high-level segment of the General Debate	
5 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	♦ Decision on the emergency item	
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	ASGP Meeting	Hall 2/0 ground floor, Building A
2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians The Committee will hold hearings on cases in Venezuela, Mongolia and Turkey.	Hall 3/1 first floor, Building A (in camera)
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights	Amphitheatre ground floor Building B
	♦ Item 4: Achieving universal health coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensuring the right to health – Drafting of the resolution in plenary	
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU	Hall 3/0 ground floor Building A
	♦ Country updates on youth participation	
	♦ Contribution to the work of the 141 st Assembly	
	♦ Election of one Board member (female) from the Asia-Pacific Group	
	♦ Update and discussion on the Forum's workplan and activities (2019–2020)	
	♦ Debate on youth policies	
	♦ Preparations for the 142 nd Assembly	
7 p.m.	Reception in honour of Heads of delegation (only), hosted by H.E. Ms. Maja Gojkovic, Speaker of the National Assembly of Serbia	Central Hall National Assembly Belgrade
	♦ There will be a shuttle service from the Sava Centre to the reception between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.	

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Preview of main programme for Tuesday, 15 October

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Assembly	Hall 1/0 ground floor Building A
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	♦ Debate on the emergency item	
10 a.m. – 12 noon	♦ Continuation of the General Debate	
11.45 a.m.	Special guest speaker: Mr. Gilles Carbonnier, Vice-President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	
12 noon – 1 p.m.	♦ Special segment to mark the 130 th anniversary of the IPU	
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	♦ Continuation of the General Debate	

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Item 4: <i>Achieving universal health coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensuring the right to health</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">– Finalization of the resolution in plenary	Amphitheatre ground floor Building B
11 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Workshop on <i>Leaving no one behind in political representation: Gender and youth quotas</i>	Hall 3/0 ground floor Building A
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Speakers' Dialogue on Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Open only to Speakers, the Dialogue is a platform for high-level political exchange. After introductory remarks by the IPU President, discussions will take place in two groups: Group 1 – Economy and development; Group 2 – Security and human rights. The groups will report back on the main conclusions and recommendations reached, followed by an exchange of views with participants.	Halls 3/1 & 15/1 first floor Building A (<i>in camera</i>)
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Panel discussion on the implementation of the 2014 resolution <i>Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: The contribution of parliaments</i>♦ Panel discussion on <i>Criminalization of money laundering</i>	Amphitheatre ground floor Building B
4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Workshop on <i>United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child: 30 years on, achievements and challenges</i>	Hall 3/0 ground floor Building A

Embassy night

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 15 October 2019

5.30 p.m. – 6 p.m., main lobby, ground floor, Sava Centre

- ♦ **Signing ceremony for *l'Accord-cadre de coopération entre l'Union interparlementaire et l'Assemblée parlementaire de la francophonie***. The ceremony will take place opposite the exhibition on the 130th anniversary of the IPU, near the Publications Stand in the main lobby of the Sava Centre.

Wednesday, 16 October 2019

3 p.m. – 4 p.m. (during the Assembly), Hall 1/0, ground floor, Building A, Sava Centre

- ♦ **Future Policy Award ceremony (during the Assembly)**: The Award ceremony will celebrate the winners of the 2019 Future Policy Award on empowering youth. Looking both at decent and sustainable jobs for youth as well as political participation, the ceremony will include the participation of distinguished representatives from the winners and the organizing partners, including the IPU, the World Future Council, UNDP and the ILO. Youth representatives will also take part in the ceremony.

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

- ♦ **Exhibition on *1889–2019: Celebrating 130 years of the IPU***: Delegates are invited to view the exhibition which has been set up in the main lobby of the Sava Centre. It tells the story of the IPU, linking its past with its present impact, in six chapters spread over a series of panels.
- ♦ **Exhibition on the 52nd Conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union**: Delegates are invited to view an exhibition on the Conference hosted by the Yugoslav National Group of the IPU in 1963 in Belgrade. It is on display on the first floor of the Sava Centre, near the main escalators.
- ♦ **Women in War – an ICRC exhibit on the various and complex roles of women in conflict: fighters, humanitarians, mothers, daughters, labourers, community leaders and survivors**: This exhibit, marking the 70th anniversary of the Geneva Conventions, is on display near the main entrance to the Amphitheatre, ground floor, Sava Centre.

- ♦ **Calling on all Parliaments to endorse the *Common Principles for Support to Parliaments*:** The *Common Principles* can be endorsed by means of a letter of notification to the Secretary General of the IPU from a parliament's Speaker, Secretary General and/or IPU Group President. The *Common Principles* can be accessed at <https://www.ipu.org/resources/publications/reference/2016-07/common-principles-support-parliaments>. To find out more, please come and see us at the Endorsement Stand in front of the Registration Desk in the main lobby of the Sava Centre. If your parliament has not endorsed the *Common Principles* yet, please encourage it to do so. You will be helping to build stronger institutions!

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Today, Monday, 14 October 2019

1.15 p.m. – 2.45 p.m., Hall 15/1, first floor, Sava Centre

- ♦ **Roundtable on *The role of parliamentarians in enhancing national implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention*:** The event, organized by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, will take place in English and consist of a brief overview of the Convention, statements by IPU Assembly delegates of States Parties to the Convention and an open forum giving participants the opportunity to share experiences and mobilize further action for the implementation of the Convention. A light lunch will be served at 1.15 p.m.

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Tuesday, 15 October 2019

1 p.m. – 2 p.m., Art Café, ground floor, Sava Centre

- ♦ **Side event on *Agenda 2030: Preventing small arms and light weapons-related violence and building peaceful and sustainably developed societies – how can parliamentarians contribute?*** This event, organized by the Parliamentary Forum on Small Arms and Light Weapons, will provide an opportunity for parliamentarians to meet and discuss key questions on arms control, reducing armed violence and promoting peace. Interpretation in English, French and Spanish will be provided, and a light lunch will be served at 1 p.m. outside the room.

12 noon – 1 p.m., Hall 2/1, Building B, Sava Centre

- ♦ **Side event on *Internet Governance Forum. Crucial digital insights shared and gained.*** This session, organized by the German IPU delegation, will be of interest to all delegates working on issues related to the internet and digital societies. Information will be provided about parliamentary activities at the next session of the Internet Governance Forum, which takes place in Berlin on 25–29 November 2019. In English.

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Wednesday, 16 October 2019

10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

- ♦ **Field visit to *Zvecanska Children's Home in Belgrade*:** This visit, organized by UNICEF, will enable a group of 15–20 parliamentarians to learn about the work of the Centre for Protection of Infants, Children and Youth, with which UNICEF has a long partnership. Registration will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis; those interested in registering (maximum one MP per delegation, with a working knowledge of English or French) are invited to send their name, country, function and contact information to relations@ipu.org.

1.15 p.m. – 2.15 p.m., dining room of the Crowne Plaza hotel

- ♦ **Lunchtime roundtable discussion hosted by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction:** This working lunch on understanding needs related to advancing disaster risk reduction will take place in English. To enable an interactive exchange, the event will be limited to the first 20 parliamentarians who confirm participation, while ensuring a geographic and gender balance among participants. Parliamentarians wishing to register their interest in participating should email their name and contact details by [today, 14 October](mailto:houghton@un.org) to houghton@un.org.

1 p.m. – 2.15 p.m., Hall 3/0, ground floor, Sava Centre

- ♦ **Side event: *Leaving no one behind: LGBTI inclusion and the SDGs*:** The event, organized by the Swedish delegation on behalf of the Twelve Plus Group, will begin with contributions from a number of parliamentarians from different geopolitical groups and continue with an open debate.

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OTHER INFORMATION

- ♦ **Assembly App:** As part of the IPU's PaperSmart policy, an App is available which facilitates the online consultation of Assembly documents and provides access to Assembly-related information. It can be downloaded from the App Store on iOS devices and Play Store on Android (CrowdCompass AttendeeHub). Once downloaded, open the AttendeeHub app and enter "IPU 141 Assembly". Delegations that wish to post their brochure on the App should forward the file in pdf format (not more than 10MB) to sas@ipu.org.
- ♦ **Print-on-demand service:** This service is available until 17 October at the Typing Pool and Photocopying Service (ground floor, close to Hall 2/0, Building A) for those delegates who wish to obtain additional copies of any documents published on the IPU Assembly web page.

- ♦ **IPU Assemblies in your pocket:** This booklet, which provides an overview of IPU Assembly procedures, is available on the App and IPU Assembly web page in English, French, Spanish and Arabic.
- ♦ **List of Participants:** Delegations are reminded that the provisional List of Participants is available for consultation on the Assembly App and that only a limited number of copies have been printed. In order to ensure the accuracy of the final List of Participants, delegations are kindly requested to report any changes to Ms. Marina Filippin at the Registration and Information Desk by **12 noon on Wednesday, 16 October 2019**. The final List of Participants will be published on the IPU website.

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COMMUNICATIONS INFORMATION

- ♦ **Social media:** Follow or join in the discussions at the Assembly on social media.
On Twitter: [@IPUparliament](#) On Instagram: [ipu.parliament_official](#) On Facebook: [InterParliamentaryUnion](#)
Useful hashtags: [#IPU141](#), [#WomenMPs](#), [#YoungMPs](#) On YouTube: [iparliamentaryunion](#)
- ♦ **Photos:** All official Assembly photographs will be uploaded on Flickr at regular times during the day: [www.ipu.org/141pics](#). Please credit: Inter-Parliamentary Union.
- ♦ **A mugshot for a mug! Pledge to make the world a better place:** Come to the Pledging Photo/Video Stand in the main lobby of the Sava Centre to pledge your commitment to some of the IPU's key causes (such as gender equality, climate action, stronger democracies, youth empowerment). To celebrate 130 years of the IPU, the first 130 people to come to make their pledge and sign up for our newsletter will get a free anniversary mug.
- ♦ **Media enquiries:** For any media enquiries, please contact Thomas Fitzsimons on tf@ipu.org or +41 79 854 31 53.
- ♦ **Press conferences (Press Centre, 2nd floor, Building A):** Closing press conference: Wednesday 17 October, 1 p.m.

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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 141ST ASSEMBLY

For more detailed information, please see [Vacancies](#) document.

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For all vacancies, candidatures should be accompanied by a signed cover letter and a brief (maximum one page) curriculum vitae, as well as a completed contact information form (see [www.ipu.org/file/7882/download](#)). In addition, candidatures for the Standing Committee Bureaux should include a written commitment from the candidate's parliament, and candidates for the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians are required to complete the vacancies form available at [www.ipu.org/sites/default/files/documents/form_vacancies_chrp_october_2019-e.pdf](#).

Candidatures from the geopolitical groups concerned, and, where applicable, from candidates, may be submitted to the Submission and Control of Documents Service (Hall 6/1, first floor, Building A) up to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 15 October 2019 for the Preparatory Committee of the Fifth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament; and up to 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 16 October 2019 for the Committees and other bodies. For the Standing Committee Bureaux, candidatures may be submitted up to one day before the time of the elections.

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FORUM OF YOUNG PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE IPU

At its meeting today, 14 October 2019, the Forum will elect one Board member (female) from the Asia-Pacific Group. The time limit for submission of candidatures was 9.30 a.m. on Sunday, 13 October 2019.

The following candidature has been received:

– Ms. N. Khadse (India), submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group.

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On 17 October 2019, the Governing Council will hold elections and approve nominations as outlined below.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Governing Council will be required to elect **seven members**: two members (one male and one female) for the African Group; two members (at least one female) for the Asia-Pacific Group; one member (male or female) for the Eurasia Group; one member (male) for the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC); and one member (female) for the Twelve Plus Group.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

– Mr. J.P. Letelier (Chile), submitted by GRULAC.

To date, the IPU Secretariat has been informed of the following candidatures:

– Mr. M. Ali Houmed (Djibouti), submitted by the National Assembly of Djibouti to the African Group;

– Mr. W. William (Seychelles), submitted by the National Assembly of the Seychelles to the African Group;

– Ms. P. Krairiksh (Thailand), submitted by the National Assembly of Thailand to the Asia-Pacific Group;

– Mr. R. Rabbani (Pakistan), submitted by the Senate of Pakistan to the Asia-Pacific Group;

– Mr. A. Saidov (Uzbekistan), submitted by the Legislative Chamber of Uzbekistan to the Eurasia Group;

– Mr. A. Shakirov (Kazakhstan), submitted by the Senate of Kazakhstan to the Eurasia Group;

– Mr. B. Llano Ramos (Paraguay), submitted by the Senate of Paraguay to GRULAC;

– Ms. A. Tolley (New Zealand), submitted by the House of Representatives of New Zealand to the Twelve Plus Group;

– Ms. C. Widegren (Sweden), submitted by the Parliament of Sweden to the Twelve Plus Group.

**PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE FIFTH WORLD CONFERENCE OF SPEAKERS OF PARLIAMENT
(5WCSP – Vienna, 17–21 August 2020)**

The Governing Council will be called upon to approve the nominations received from the geopolitical groups for **eight** vacancies: one vacancy (man or woman Speaker) for the African Group; two vacancies (women Speakers) for the Asia-Pacific Group; one vacancy (woman Speaker) for the Eurasia Group; three vacancies (at least one woman Speaker) for GRULAC; and one vacancy (woman Speaker) for the Twelve Plus Group.

To date, the following nominations have been received:

– Ms. L. Rojas Hernández (Mexico), Mr. B. Llano (Paraguay) and Mr. C. Litardo (Ecuador) submitted by GRULAC.

COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one member** (to serve in an individual capacity), preferably female from GRULAC.

Committee on Middle East Questions

The Governing Council will be required to elect **three members** (female).

To date, the following candidature has been received:

– Ms. H. Martins (Portugal), submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

The Governing Council will be required to elect **four members**: one member (female) for the African Group; one member (female) for the Arab Group; one member (male) for the Asia-Pacific Group; and one member (male) for the Twelve Plus Group.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

– Mr. C. Lacroix (Belgium), submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

High-Level Advisory Group on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism

The Governing Council will be required to elect **four members**: one member (female or male) for the African Group; two members (one female and one male) for the Eurasia Group; and one member (female) for the Twelve Plus Group.

Group of Facilitators for Cyprus

The Governing Council will be required to elect **two facilitators**.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

– Mr. M. Mijatovic (Serbia), submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

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APPOINTMENT OF TWO INTERNAL AUDITORS FOR THE 2020 ACCOUNTS

The Governing Council will appoint **two Internal Auditors** for the 2020 fiscal year.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

– Mr. A. Gryffroy (Belgium), submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

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STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

The following elections to the Bureaux will be held.

Standing Committee on Peace and International Security (elections: 15 October, 2.30 p.m. sitting)

Two members: One member (female or male) for the Arab Group; and one member (female or male) for the Twelve Plus Group.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

– Mr. P. Dallier (France), submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade (elections: 16 October, 2.30 p.m. sitting)

Six members: Two members (at least one male) for the Asia-Pacific Group; one member (female or male) for the Eurasia Group; and three vacancies (at least one male) for GRULAC.

Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights (elections: 16 October, 5 p.m. sitting)

One member (male) for the Eurasia Group.

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs (elections: 16 October, 2.30 p.m. sitting)

Three members: one member (female) for the Asia-Pacific Group; one member (female or male) for GRULAC; and one member (female or male) for the Twelve Plus Group.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

– Mr. R. Peña Flores (Costa Rica), submitted by GRULAC;

– Mr. A. Gryffroy (Belgium), submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

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