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## JOURNAL<sup>1</sup> Wednesday, 16 October 2019

Time	Meeting	Place <sup>2</sup>
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Gender Partnership Group	Art Café ground floor Building B (in camera)
9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	Parity debate on <i>#NotInMyParliament: National and regional strategies</i>	Amphitheatre ground floor Building B
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Bureau of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights	Hall 3/1 first floor Building A (in camera)
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Assembly ♦ Continuation of the General Debate on <i>Strengthening international law: Parliamentary roles and mechanisms, and the contribution of regional cooperation</i>	Hall 1/0 ground floor Building A
9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Workshop on SDG 8 – <i>Achieving full and productive employment and decent work for all: The economic challenge of our time</i>	Hall 15/1 first floor Building A
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Executive Committee	Art Café ground floor Building B (in camera)
10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Meeting of the Association of Secretaries General of Parliament (ASGP)	Hall 2/0 ground floor Building A
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security ♦ Expert hearing on <i>Parliamentary strategies to strengthen peace and security against threats and conflicts resulting from climate-related disasters and their consequences</i>	Amphitheatre ground floor Building B
11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Open session of the Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law <i>Placing humanity first: The Geneva Conventions – Protecting people in armed conflict for 70 years</i>	Hall 3/1 first floor Building A

<sup>1</sup> Information as at 5 p.m. on 15 October.

<sup>2</sup> All meeting rooms indicated are located in the Sava Centre.

1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	<p><b>Side event on <i>Reaching the hard-to-reach: How to make universal health coverage (UHC) a reality for all</i></b>  <i>Event co-organized by the IPU, World Health Organization (WHO) and The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH)</i></p>	<p><b>Hall 15/1 first floor Building A</b></p>	
<p>The event will provide an opportunity for the exchange of best practices and sharing of personal experiences on how to drive progress on SDG 3 – Good health and well-being, and SDG 16 – Peace, justice and strong institutions, with a particular focus on challenges faced in ensuring that the needs and rights of marginalized groups are adequately addressed.</p>	2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	<p><b>Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Debate on follow-up to the resolution adopted in March 2014: <i>Towards risk-resilient development: Taking into consideration demographic trends and natural constraints</i></li> <li>♦ Elections</li> </ul>	<p><b>Amphitheatre ground floor Building B</b></p>
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	<b>ASGP Meeting</b>	<p><b>Hall 2/0 ground floor Building A</b></p>	
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	<b>Committee on Middle East Questions</b>	<p><b>Art Café ground floor Building B (in camera)</b></p>	
2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	<p><b>Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians</b>          The Committee will review draft decisions for submission to the Governing Council.</p>	<p><b>Hall 3/1 first floor Building A (in camera)</b></p>	
<p><b>2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.</b>          2.30 p.m. – 3 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Assembly</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <b>Item 8</b> (emergency item) – <i>Addressing climate change</i>              – Adoption of the resolution</li> </ul>	<p><b>Hall 1/0 ground floor Building A</b></p>	
2.45 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Address by Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, Chairperson-in-Office, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)</li> </ul>		
3 p.m. – 4.15 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <b>Future Policy Awards ceremony</b> (special segment of the Assembly)              The Awards ceremony will celebrate the winners of the 2019 Future Policy Awards 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 institutional partners, including the IPU, the World Future Council, UNDP and the ILO. Youth representatives will also take part in the ceremony.</li> </ul>		
4.15 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Conclusion of the General Debate</li> </ul>		
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	<p><b>Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Panel discussions:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› <i>Respect for international law in keeping with the UN Charter and other relevant resolutions</i></li> <li>› <i>2019 IPU survey on the relationship between parliaments and the United Nations</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>♦ Elections</li> </ul>	<p><b>Hall 3/0 ground floor Building A</b></p>	

<b>5 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ <b>Item 4:</b> <i>Achieving universal health coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensuring the right to health</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Address by Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization (WHO)</li><li>– Adoption of the draft resolution</li></ul></li><li>♦ Elections and future programme of work</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>	<b>Amphitheatre ground floor Building B</b>
<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Cultural evening, hosted by H.E. Ms. Maja Gojkovic, Speaker of the National Assembly of Serbia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ Delegates are requested to wear their badges.</li><li>♦ There will be a shuttle service from the Sava Centre to the cultural evening between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;">* * * *</p>	<b>Kombank Hall Belgrade</b>

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### Preview of main programme for Thursday, 17 October

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8.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	<b>Bureau of Women Parliamentarians</b>	Art Café ground floor Building B ( <i>in camera</i> )
9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Governing Council</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ Consideration of remaining items on the agenda, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– decisions on the human rights of parliamentarians</li><li>– reports of specialized meetings</li></ul></li><li>♦ Launch of the <i>Handbook for Parliamentarians No. 30 – Eliminating Forced Labour</i>, published jointly by the IPU and the International Labour Office (ILO)</li></ul>	Hall 1/0 ground floor Building A
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Preliminary consultation on the <i>Global Parliamentary Report 2021: Parliament in a changing world</i>, jointly organized by the IPU and the ASGP</b>	Hall 3/0 ground floor Building A
2.30 p.m.	<b>Governing Council</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ Consideration of all remaining items on the agenda</li></ul>	Hall 1/0 ground floor Building A
At the end of the Governing Council	<b>Assembly – Closing sitting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ Outcome document of the General Debate (Item 3)</li><li>♦ Resolution of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights (Item 4) – <i>Achieving universal health coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensure the right to health</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Address by Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization (WHO)</li></ul></li><li>♦ Reports of the Standing Committees on Peace and International Security; Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade; and United Nations Affairs (Item 5)</li><li>♦ Approval of the subject item for the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights at the 143<sup>rd</sup> IPU Assembly and appointment of the Rapporteurs (Item 6)</li><li>♦ Amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules (Item 7)</li><li>♦ Remarks from representatives of the Geopolitical Groups</li><li>♦ Closure of the Assembly</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;">* * * *</p>	Hall 1/0 ground floor Building A

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

Today, Wednesday, 16 October 2019

10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

- ♦ **Field visit to the Centre for Protection of Infants, Children and Youth in Belgrade:** This visit, organized by UNICEF, will enable a group of 15–20 parliamentarians to learn about the work of the Centre, 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](mailto:relations@ipu.org). Participants are requested to meet at 9.10 a.m. at the Registration Desk in the main lobby of the Sava Centre.

1 p.m. – 2.15 p.m., Hall 3/0, ground floor, Building A, 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.

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 were requested to email their name and contact details by 14 October to [houghton@un.org](mailto:houghton@un.org).

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*Throughout the Assembly:*

- ♦ **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 52<sup>nd</sup> 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*:** Thanks to *Estonia, Ghana, South Africa and Iraq* for bringing national parliament endorsements to 126. Only four more endorsements to reach our anniversary goal of 130 during this Assembly. 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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## 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](mailto: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 **today**. 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](#), [#NotInMyParliament](#) 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.
- ♦ **Press conferences (Press Centre, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Building A):** Closing press conference: Thursday, 17 October, 1 p.m.
- ♦ **Media enquiries:** For any media enquiries, please contact Thomas Fitzsimons on [tf@ipu.org](mailto:tf@ipu.org) or +41 79 854 31 53.

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## VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 141<sup>st</sup> 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 9.30 a.m. today, 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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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 candidatures have been received:*

- Mr. J. Mudenda (Zimbabwe) and Ms. E. Anyakun (Uganda), submitted by the African Group;
- Ms. P. Krairiksh (Thailand) and Mr. R. Rabbani (Pakistan), submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group;
- Mr. A. Saidov (Uzbekistan), submitted by the Eurasia Group;
- Mr. J.P. Letelier (Chile), submitted by GRULAC;
- Ms. C. Widegren (Sweden), submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

*Other candidatures for the Executive Committee:*

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

*The following nominations have been received:*

- Mr. S. Chenine (Algeria), submitted by the African Group;
- Ms. Z. Greceanii (Republic of Moldova), submitted by the Eurasia Group;
- 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.

*To date, the following candidature has been received: Ms. A. Reynoso (Mexico), submitted by GRULAC.*

#### Committee on Middle East Questions

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

*To date, the following candidatures have been received:*

- Ms. B. Baseem (Iraq), submitted by the Arab Group;
- 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 candidatures have been received:*

- Ms. M. Ndiaye (Senegal), submitted by the African Group;
- Ms. J. Salma (Bahrain), submitted by the Arab Group;
- Mr. S. Patra (India), submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group;
- 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.

*To date, the following candidatures have been received:*

- Mr. S. Chiheb (Algeria), submitted by the African Group;
- Ms. A. Karapetyan (Armenia) and Mr. K. Kosachev (Russian Federation), submitted by the Eurasia Group;
- Ms. Á. Vadai (Hungary), submitted by 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 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.

*The following candidatures have been received:*

- Ms. S. Rehman (Pakistan) to complete the first term of Pakistan (end of term: April 2021); and Mr. I. Sereewatthanawut (Thailand) to complete the first term of Thailand (end of term: March 2020), candidatures submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group;
- Mr. R. Marian (Republic of Moldova), submitted by the Eurasia Group;
- Ms. M. Carvalho (Brazil) and Mr. B. Scotland (Guyana), submitted by GRULAC.

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

**One member** (male) for the Eurasia Group.

*The following candidature has been received:*

- Mr. E. Primakov (Russian Federation), submitted by 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.

*The following candidatures have been received:*

- Ms. P. Tohmeena (Thailand), to complete the second term of Thailand (end of term: October 2020), submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group;
- Mr. R. Peña Flores (Costa Rica), submitted by GRULAC.
- Mr. A. Gryffroy (Belgium), submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

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