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Time	Meeting	Place ²
8.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	Bureau of Women Parliamentarians	Art Café ground floor, Building B (in camera)
9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Governing Council During this sitting and the afternoon sitting, the Governing Council will continue its consideration of items remaining on its agenda. Remaining items include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">› Report by the Secretary-General and launch of <i>Handbook for Parliamentarians No. 30 – Eliminating Forced Labour</i>, published jointly by the IPU and the International Labour Office (ILO)› Reports on recent IPU specialized meetings› Reports and decisions of the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians› Reports of committees and other bodies› Future inter-parliamentary meetings	Hall 1/0 ground floor Building A
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Preliminary consultation on the <i>Global Parliamentary Report 2021: Parliament in a changing world</i>, jointly organized by the IPU and the ASGP	Hall 3/0 ground floor Building A
2.30 p.m.	Governing Council The Council will complete its consideration of the remaining items on its agenda. It will approve nominations received from Geopolitical Groups for vacancies in the Preparatory Committee of the Fifth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament. It will hold the following elections and make the following appointments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">› Election of seven members to the Executive Committee› Election of one member to the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians› Election of three members to the Committee on Middle East Questions› Election of four members to the Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law› Election of four members to the High-level Advisory Group on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism› Election of two facilitators to the Group of Facilitators for Cyprus› Appointment of two internal auditors for the 2020 accounts	Hall 1/0 ground floor Building A

¹ Information as at 5 p.m. on 16 October.

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

**At the end of the
Governing Council**

Assembly – Closing sitting

**Hall 1/0
ground floor
Building A**

- ◆ General Debate on the theme *Strengthening international law: Parliamentary roles and mechanisms, and the contribution of regional cooperation* **(Item 3)**
 - › Adoption of the Belgrade Declaration
Rapporteur: Mr. M. Grujic (Serbia)
- ◆ Achieving universal health coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensure the right to health (*Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights*) **(Item 4)**
Rapporteur: Ms. A. Gerken (Netherlands)
 - › Adoption of the draft resolution
 - › Address by Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization (WHO)
- ◆ Endorsement of the IPU Declaration to mark the 30th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child
Rapporteur: Ms. A. Gerken (Netherlands)
- ◆ Reports of the Standing Committees **(Item 5)**
Rapporteurs: Mr. J.I. Echániz (Spain), President of the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security
Ms. V. Muzenda (Zimbabwe), President of the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade
Mr. P. Katjavivi (Namibia), Member of the Bureau of the Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs
- ◆ Approval of the subject item for the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights at the 143rd Assembly and appointment of the Rapporteurs **(Item 6)**
 - › *Worldwide legislation to combat online sexual child exploitation*
Co-Rapporteurs: - Ms. A. Gerken (Netherlands)
- Ms. J. Oduol (Kenya)
- Name to be confirmed (Thailand)
- ◆ Amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules **(Item 7)**
- ◆ Concluding remarks by representatives of the Geopolitical Groups

Closure of the Assembly

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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*:** Thanks to *Estonia, Ghana, South Africa, Iraq, Guyana, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cabo Verde* and *Dominican Republic* for bringing national parliament endorsements to 130. Still 63 to go to achieve universal endorsement. 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!

OTHER INFORMATION

- ♦ **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:** The final List of Participants will be published on the IPU website (www.ipu.org).
- ♦ **Results of the 141st Assembly and related meetings:** Delegations will receive one printed copy of the Results of the Assembly. Members of the IPU are reminded that the different sections of the brochure may be accessed on the IPU website (www.ipu.org) and downloaded in PDF format two weeks after the close of the Assembly.
- ♦ **Summary records of the Assembly, the Governing Council and the four Standing Committees** will be made available before the next Assembly.

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COMMUNICATIONS INFORMATION

- ♦ **Social media:** Follow or join in the discussions at the Assembly on social media.
On Twitter: [@IPUparliament](https://twitter.com/IPUparliament) On Instagram: [ipu.parliament_official](https://www.instagram.com/ipu.parliament_official) On Facebook: [InterParliamentaryUnion](https://www.facebook.com/InterParliamentaryUnion)
Useful hashtags: [#IPU141](https://twitter.com/hashtag/IPU141), [#WomenMPs](https://twitter.com/hashtag/WomenMPs), [#YoungMPs](https://twitter.com/hashtag/YoungMPs), [#NotInMyParliament](https://twitter.com/hashtag/NotInMyParliament) On YouTube: [iparliamentaryunion](https://www.youtube.com/user/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, 2nd 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 or +41 79 854 31 53.

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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 141st ASSEMBLY

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

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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.

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The Governing Council will hold elections and make appointments 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.

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.

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.

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).

The following candidatures have been received:

– Ms. I. Al Madhy (Iraq), submitted by the Arab Group;

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

– Ms. F. Benbadis (Algeria), submitted by the National People's Assembly of Algeria.

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.

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.

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**.

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.

The following candidature has been received:

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

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