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138th IPU ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

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Convocation

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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

The 138th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and related meetings will be held at the International Conference Centre of Geneva (CICG), Switzerland, from Saturday, 24 to Wednesday, 28 March 2018.

We are pleased to enclose detailed information on these meetings, including the agendas of the main IPU statutory bodies. We very much hope that your Parliament will be represented at the 138th Assembly and that the delegation, under your leadership, will take an active part in the proceedings.

Yours sincerely,

Martin CHUNGONG
Secretary General

Gabriela CUEVAS BARRON
President

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INFORMATION ON THE ASSEMBLY

AGENDA

1. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the 138th Assembly
2. Consideration of requests for the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda
3. General Debate
4. Sustaining peace as a vehicle for achieving sustainable development
(*Standing Committee on Peace and International Security*)
5. Engaging the private sector in implementing the SDGs, especially on renewable energy
(*Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade*)
6. Reports of the Standing Committees
7. Approval of the subject items for the Standing Committees on Peace and International Security and for the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade at the 140th IPU Assembly and appointment of the Rapporteurs
8. Amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules

TIMETABLE

The Timetable of the Assembly and related meetings is set out in **Annex 1**.

The Governing Council will convene on 25 and 28 March and will consider and take decisions on a host of matters relating to the functioning and activities of the IPU. The convocation of the 202nd session of the IPU Governing Council is attached.

The Assembly will start its General Debate on 25 March with the high-level segment reserved for Speakers of Parliament. At its sittings on 27 and 28 March, the Assembly will adopt resolutions on the emergency item and on the subject items taken up by the Standing Committees. The Assembly is expected to conclude with outcome documents on the theme of its General Debate and wrap up business by 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 28 March 2018.

EMERGENCY ITEM

According to Assembly Rule 11.1 and Article 14.2 of the IPU Statutes, any Member of the IPU may request the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda. If the Assembly so decides, the emergency item will be debated by the Assembly in the morning of Monday, 26 March. Provision has also been made for a drafting committee to meet in the afternoon that same day in order to prepare a draft resolution. The Assembly will then adopt a resolution on 27 March 2018.

All requests for inclusion of an emergency item must relate to a recent major situation of international concern, on which urgent action by the international community is required and on which it is appropriate for the IPU to express its opinion and mobilize a parliamentary response. All proposals for an emergency item should be accompanied by a brief explanatory memorandum and a draft resolution, which clearly define the scope of the subject covered by the request.

GOVERNING COUNCIL

The Governing Council is composed of three members from each parliament represented in the IPU. Each parliament's representation on the Governing Council must include both men and women. Single-gender delegations will be limited to two members (Rule 1.2 of the Rules of the Governing Council).

In conformity with Governing Council Rule 13, members of the Council may request the inclusion of supplementary items in the agenda. Such items must fall within the mandate of the Council which, according to Article 20 of the Statutes, determines and guides the activities of the IPU and controls their implementation.

Any requests for the inclusion of supplementary items will be immediately transmitted by the Secretariat to all Council members. After hearing the opinion of the Executive Committee, the Council shall decide on such a request by a majority of votes cast if the request is received by the Secretariat at least 15 days before the opening of the session; otherwise by a two-thirds majority.

STANDING COMMITTEES

The Standing Committee on Peace and International Security will discuss and adopt a resolution on *Sustaining peace as a vehicle for achieving sustainable development*.

The Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade will discuss and adopt a resolution on the issue of *Engaging the private sector in implementing the SDGs, especially on renewable energy*.

The other two Standing Committees will hold hearings and panel discussions.

The agendas of the four Standing Committees, as approved at the 137th IPU Assembly, are attached.

Member Parliaments are kindly reminded that Bureau members and other IPU office-holders should be included in the national delegations to the Assembly.

PARTICIPATION

IPU Members may appoint a maximum of eight delegates, or 10 for parliaments of countries with a population of 100 million inhabitants or more. The number of additional MPs accompanying delegations as Advisers must not exceed two.

All Member Parliaments are encouraged to strive for gender parity in the composition of their delegations. Any delegation which, for three consecutive sessions of the Assembly, is composed exclusively of parliamentarians of the same sex will automatically be reduced by one person. Please note that the Forum of Women Parliamentarians is open to both women and men parliamentarians who are members of delegations to IPU Assemblies. I therefore urge you to encourage men and women members of your delegation to participate.

Member Parliaments are also encouraged to include in their delegation young members of parliament, i.e. below 45 years of age. The IPU Forum of Young Parliamentarians will meet on 25 March 2018. Among other things, the Forum will formulate and provide input to the deliberations of the Assembly.

The Forum's draft agenda is attached.

In addition to the Secretaries General who will attend the regular session of the Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP), Members are encouraged to include professional parliamentary staff (IPU focal points) in their delegations, with a view to ensuring adequate support during and in follow-up to the Assembly (in particular in terms of meeting the statutory obligation by Members to prepare and disseminate reports on action undertaken on IPU decisions and resolutions).

IPU Members whose arrears equal or exceed the amount of the contributions due from them for the preceding two full years will not be represented by more than two delegates at meetings of the IPU (Article 5.2 of the Statutes), nor will they be entitled to vote.

Associate Members may participate in the Assembly and its Standing Committees with the same rights as Members, with the exception of the right to vote and to present candidates for elective office.

International organizations and other bodies invited by the Governing Council to be represented at the Assembly as permanent Observers are reminded that they are entitled to register a maximum of two delegates.

The Plenary Hall, where the meetings of the Assembly and Governing Council are held, has limited seating capacity. Depending on actual attendance at the 138th Assembly, the Secretariat will endeavour to allocate an adequate number of seats for all delegations. At a minimum, each delegation will be allocated a sufficient number of seats required for a possible vote by the Assembly or Governing Council.

STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee of the Assembly is composed of the President of the Assembly, the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Vice-President of the Executive Committee. The Presidents of the Standing Committees may take part in the work of the Steering Committee in an advisory capacity.

The Steering Committee, assisted by the IPU Secretary General, is mandated to take all appropriate measures to ensure the effective organization and smooth running of the Assembly proceedings. The first sitting of the Steering Committee is scheduled for the early morning of Sunday, 25 March 2018.

VACANCIES TO BE FILLED DURING THE 138th ASSEMBLY

A provisional list of vacancies for IPU bodies will be posted on the IPU website prior to the opening of the Assembly.

Member Parliaments are invited to consider submitting candidatures for the main committees and bodies of the IPU (<https://www.ipu.org/about-us/structure/assembly>). Candidates should have the expertise, as far as possible, in the areas of work of the given bodies, and should be supported by their respective parliament in carrying out their functions as IPU office-holders. New Members of the IPU and Members currently not holding IPU offices are encouraged to submit candidatures.

As the meeting of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians will be held on Saturday, 24 March, all geopolitical groups are urged to schedule their meetings in the afternoon of Friday, 23 March, or at another time which does not conflict with the meeting of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians. The Forum's third sitting on 27 March will be devoted to renewing the membership of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians in order to (i) replace the regional representatives whose term expires at the end of the session, or who are no longer parliamentarians, (ii) elect the President of the Bureau, and (iii) elect the two Vice-Presidents of the Bureau. The Forum's draft agenda is attached.

A meeting of the Chairpersons of the Geopolitical Groups with the President and Secretary General of the IPU will take place on Saturday, 24 March, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Secretaries of the Geopolitical Groups are also invited to attend the meeting.

PREPARATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS AND SELECTION OF AGENDA ITEMS

The deadlines pertaining to the preparation of resolutions for the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security and the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade are the following:

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| 15 December 2017 | Deadline for the co-rapporteurs to submit the draft resolution and explanatory memorandum to the IPU Secretariat. |
| 9 March 2018 | Deadline for Member Parliaments to submit written amendments to the draft resolution. |
| 24-27 March 2018 | Committees meet to debate, amend and adopt the draft resolution. Co-rapporteurs present the draft resolution and provide advice throughout the drafting process. |
| 28 March 2018 | 138 th IPU Assembly formally adopts the resolution. |

All Members can contribute to the drafting of resolutions by submitting a brief written input (Article 13.1 of the Rules of the Standing Committees). The deadline for written input to the First and Second Standing Committees has passed (29 September 2017). Members are encouraged to submit input for the draft resolution to be adopted by the Third Standing Committee (Democracy and Human Rights) at the 139th IPU Assembly (October 2018), on *Strengthening inter-parliamentary cooperation on migration and migration governance in view of the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration*. Written input to this draft resolution is welcome in the process leading up to the Geneva Assembly, and no later than 20 April 2018.

In accordance with the Rules of the Standing Committees, proposals for subject items to be taken up by Standing Committees should be submitted up to one day prior to the meeting of the respective Standing Committee Bureau. As such, Members wishing to do so should submit to the IPU Secretariat their proposals for subject items to be taken up by the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security by 25 March 2018 and for the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade by 26 March 2018 at the latest.

These will serve as the basis for consultations by the respective Standing Committee Bureaux before a final decision is taken by the Standing Committee. When considering the proposals for subject items to be discussed at future Assemblies, the Bureau may recommend one of the proposals, combine two or more of them dealing with the same subject or related subjects into a single item, put forward another subject item or decide to submit more than one proposal to the Standing Committee.

GENERAL DEBATE (Item 3 of the agenda)

A concept note on the overall theme of the General Debate will be circulated and posted on the Assembly webpage in the coming weeks.

In accordance with the Assembly Rules and unless the Steering Committee decides otherwise, every delegation is entitled to eight minutes speaking time in the General Debate. When two speakers from the same delegation are registered for the Debate, the eight minutes will be shared as appropriate. By decision of the IPU Governing Council, the speaking time for Observers will be five minutes.

In light of the growing membership of the IPU (and implicitly the growing number of speakers in the General Debate), as well as of the difficulties in time management experienced at recent Assemblies, the Steering Committee may consider limiting speaking time in the General Debate (seven minutes for Members and four minutes for Permanent observers).

Registration of speakers will take place at the desk situated just outside the main entrance to the Plenary Hall (Room 1) on the first floor of the CICG. This desk will open 24 hours before the beginning of the first plenary of the Assembly, on Saturday, 24 March at 11 a.m.

Members may also send the names of their speaker(s) in advance to the IPU Secretariat by e-mail or fax, using the attached Speakers pre-registration form (**Annex 2**). As per established practice, the order of speakers will be determined by a public drawing of lots at 6 p.m. on Saturday, 24 March 2018.

VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE ASSEMBLY

According to Assembly Rule 7.3, all delegations from Member Parliaments are entitled to designate one of their members as a Vice-President of the Assembly. Some of them will be called upon to replace the President of the Assembly during a sitting or part of a sitting.

Upon arrival at the IPU Registration Desk in Geneva, delegations are invited to indicate the name of the parliamentarian nominated as a Vice-President of the Assembly. Alternatively, names may be communicated to the Documents Submission and Control Service (office 224/225, on the second floor of the CICG), no later than Sunday, 25 March 2018.

ALLOCATION OF VOTES

A provisional table showing the votes allocated to delegations to the 138th Assembly is contained in **Annex 3**.

Member Parliaments are kindly requested to check the figures against their country name and, if necessary, inform the IPU Secretariat in Geneva in writing of any modifications required, preferably ahead of the Assembly. The final table showing the allocation of votes at the Assembly will be distributed at the opening of the session.

LANGUAGES AND DOCUMENTATION

The IPU Secretariat will provide simultaneous interpretation in the IPU Assembly's working languages (Arabic, English, French and Spanish) at the meetings of all statutory bodies.

Four other interpretation channels have been reserved for Chinese, Japanese, Portuguese and Russian at sittings of the Assembly and the Governing Council, and for some sittings of the Standing Committees. These booths are provided free of charge and may be used by the interpretation teams for these languages.

Delegates may, exceptionally, use another language provided that they arrange for their speech to be interpreted into one of the IPU's official languages (English and French) by a person designated by them, who will be given access to an interpretation booth. To allow for all necessary arrangements to be made in good time, delegations should contact well in advance the Chief Interpreter (Ms. F. Steinig-Huang) or the English booth interpreters assigned to the meeting at which the speech will be delivered. Moreover, eight copies of the translation of the speech into one of the IPU's official languages should be given to the Chief Interpreter or to the English booth for distribution to the other interpreters.

Electronic copies of speeches should be e-mailed in PDF format to speeches@ipu.org, **a minimum of three hours before the speech is to be made**, so as to also ensure a high quality of simultaneous interpretation into the other working languages

The texts of official statements delivered in the General Debate will be published on the Assembly webpage and will be part of the records of the Assembly. Due to technical limitations, only speeches in English, French and Spanish will be posted.

Documentation pertaining to the work of the Assembly, Governing Council, Standing Committees and other IPU bodies, as well as other events taking place during the 138th Assembly, will be available on the IPU website at: www.ipu.org/conf-e/138agnd.htm, as well as on the Assembly App.

In keeping with the decision by the IPU Governing Bodies to reduce the carbon footprint of the Organization and continue to curb paper waste, only a limited number of documentation sets will be printed for the various sittings of the Assembly.

ASSEMBLY APP

The 138th Assembly App will be available for downloading free of charge, in early February 2018. Staff will be available to assist delegates download the App and show the different functionalities. A short users' manual in English and French will be posted on the website.

The App is intended to allow the online consultation of official IPU documents as part of the IPU's paper smart policy and to facilitate delegates' participation in IPU Assemblies.

MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES

The following IPU bodies will also meet during the Assembly:

- Executive Committee (22, 23 and 27 March, *closed meeting*);
- Sub-Committee on Finance (21 March, *closed meeting*);
- Forum of Women Parliamentarians (24 and 27 March, *public sittings*);
- Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU (25 March, *public sitting*);
- Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU (25 March, *closed meeting*);
- Bureau of Women Parliamentarians (24, 27 and 28 March, *closed meeting*);
- Gender Partnership Group (23 and 27 March, *closed meeting*);
- Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians (23 to 27 March, *closed meeting*);
- Committee on Middle East Questions (24 and 26 March, *closed meeting*);
- Group of Facilitators for Cyprus (24 March, *closed meeting*);
- Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law (IHL) (26 March, *closed meeting*);
- Advisory Group on Health (24 March, *closed meeting*, English only).

The Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP) will also meet at the CICG during the Assembly. It will be convened by its President.

RESULTS OF THE ASSEMBLY

All delegations will receive two printed copies of the *Results* of the 138th Assembly. In addition, the document will become accessible on the IPU website two weeks after the close of the Assembly, when a complete electronic version can be downloaded in PDF format.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Further information concerning the session will be provided in the Assembly Guidebook that will be distributed to delegations upon registration in Geneva. Delegates will also find the Assembly Journal every day in all meeting rooms and at the Registration and Information Desk, as well as on the IPU website and on the Assembly App. The Journal provides the latest updates on the programme of meetings and other important information.

REGISTRATION

All delegations are requested to respect the registration deadline of 11 March 2018 and should use the IPU online registration system. **Annex 4** provides instructions on how to use the system, which will be operational as of 1 December 2017. It is recommended that only one person be designated as the delegation coordinator and have access to the system.

In the event of difficulties, delegations may contact the registration service at postbox@ipu.org. If for any reason a Parliament is unable to register online, the composition of its delegation may be transmitted either by e-mail or fax (+41 22 919 41 60).

The Registration and Information Service will be open at the CICG as of Friday, 23 March 2018 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and from 24 to 27 March from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., as well as on Wednesday, 28 March from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Important: As part of the online registration procedure, **delegates are requested to provide their individual e-mail addresses and Committee assignments**. By doing so, they tacitly accept to be added to the IPU's mailing list and will receive regular updates on the work of the IPU. This information will also serve as the basis for an IPU database to facilitate networking among MPs.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

March is a particularly busy month for hotels in Geneva. Delegates are therefore advised to make their hotel reservations as soon as possible. Those delegations from countries with a Permanent Mission in Geneva are invited to contact their respective Mission, as they are accustomed to receiving delegations to UN meetings and handling hotel reservations. Many of them have agreements for preferential rates with hotels close to the Palais des Nations area and the CICG.

For those Members without diplomatic representation in Geneva, as well as Associate Members and official observers, the IPU Secretariat has pre-booked a limited number of rooms at the following hotels:

- **Mövenpick** <http://www.movenpick.com/en/europe/switzerland/geneva/hotel-geneva> (5-star, located close to the airport, offers a shuttle service morning and evening to the CICG), prices from CHF 190 for a classic room with breakfast. Please contact Reservation.Geneva.Airport@movenpick.com, quoting IPU Assembly, to make your reservations.
- **Warwick** <http://warwickhotels.com/geneva> (4-star, located opposite main train station in downtown Geneva), prices from CHF 210 for a classic room with breakfast. Please contact resa.group@warwickhotels.com, quoting IPU Assembly, to make your reservations.
- **Ibis Centre Genève Nations** <http://www.ibis.com/fr/hotel-8069-ibis-geneve-centre-nations/index.shtml> (3-star, 10-15 minute walk to the CICG), prices range from CHF 159 to CHF 186 for a standard single room with breakfast. Please contact H8069-re@accor.com, quoting IPU Assembly to make your reservations.

An electronic copy of the hotel booking forms can be obtained from the IPU Secretariat (postbox@ipu.org). In general, the preferential negotiated rates are available until 20 February 2018, after which the rooms will be released.

In keeping with the practice of hotels in Geneva, only reservations made with a credit card guarantee will be confirmed. It is also possible to make reservations online via the Tourist Office's website at: www.geneve-tourisme.ch/en/accommodation.

VISAS

Switzerland is an Associate Member of the Schengen Agreement and part of the Schengen area. The Visa Information System (VIS) was introduced in the Schengen area in October 2011, which stores biometric data (fingerprints and facial image) of the Schengen visa applicant. All Swiss embassies and consulates are connected to the VIS system.

All visa applicants are required to make an appointment with the Swiss embassy/consulate responsible for their place of residence or with an external visa service provider in order to submit their visa application and register their biometric data in person. This data remains valid in the VIS system for a period of five years.

The Swiss embassy/consulate responsible for the visa applicant's place of residence can be found in: <https://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/representations-and-travel-advice.html>. Applicants should contact immediately the Swiss embassy/consulate or external visa provider for the list of documents to be submitted when applying for a visa. The application form for a type C Schengen visa (short stay) is available at: <https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/themen/einreise/visumantragsformular.html>.


The time needed to obtain a visa depends greatly on local circumstances. In addition, Switzerland has signed agreements with certain countries where it is not represented by a diplomatic or consular entity. Under certain conditions these agreements allow for the issuing of visas by a Schengen State in a country where Switzerland is not represented. It is therefore highly recommended that applicants enquire directly with the Swiss embassy/consulate responsible for their place or to consult the appropriate website. Appointments for submitting and registering biometric data must therefore be taken well in advance, according to the information provided by the Swiss authorities. The waiting time for an appointment varies depending on local circumstances and can sometimes take several weeks. Following Switzerland's entry into the Schengen area, visas are no longer issued upon arrival at Geneva International Airport.

Additional useful information on visas is available from the website of the State Secretariat for Migration at: <https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/themen/einreise.html>.

GENERAL TIMETABLE OF THE 138th ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

Geneva, 24 to 28 March 2018

Wednesday, 21 March 2018


 15:00 - 18:00 Sub-Committee on Finance*
Main meeting room, IPU Headquarters

Thursday, 22 March 2018

 10:00 - 13:00 Executive Committee*
15:00 - 18:00 *Main meeting room, IPU Headquarters*


Friday, 23 March 2018

 09.00 – 10.00 Gender Partnership Group*
Main meeting room, IPU Headquarters

 09.30 – 13.00 Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians*
Salle Lausanne, CCV Annexe building, CICG

 10.00 – 13.00 Executive Committee*
Main meeting room, IPU Headquarters


 14.30 - 16.30 Executive Committee*
Main meeting room, IPU Headquarters


 14.30 – 18.00 Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians*
Salle Lausanne, CCV Annexe building, CICG

14.30 – 19.00 Beginning of Registration
Lobby, CICG

 16.30 – 18.00 Working Group on Syria*
Main meeting room, IPU Headquarters

Saturday, 24 March 2018


 09.00 - 10.00 Bureau of Women Parliamentarians*
Salle Genève, CCV Annexe building, CICG

 10.00 - 11.00 Meeting of Advisers and Secretaries to delegations
Rooms 3 & 4, level 0, CICG


 10.00 – 11.30 Group of Facilitators for Cyprus*
Room 15, level -1, CICG


 10.30 – 13.00 **Forum of Women Parliamentarians**
Room 2, level 0, CICG

 11.30 – 13.00 Break out Group of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians
Salle Genève, CCV Annexe building, CICG

 11.30 – 13.00 Meeting with the Chairpersons of the Geopolitical Groups*
Room 18, level -1, CICG

 14.30 – 17.30 **Forum of Women Parliamentarians**
Room 2, level 0, CICG

 14.30 – 17.30 Advisory Group on Health (**ENGLISH ONLY**)*
Room 15, level -1, CICG

 14.30 – 18.00 Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians*
Salle Lausanne, CCV Annexe building, CICG

 15.00 – 18.00 Committee on Middle East Questions*
Room 18, level -1, CICG










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Sunday, 25 March 2018

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|  | 08.00 – 09.00 | Assembly Steering Committee* <i>VIP Lounge, level 3, CICG</i> |
|  | 08.00 – 09.00 | Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians* <i>Salle Genève, CCV Annexe building, CICG</i> |
|  | 09.00 – 11.00 | Governing Council <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i> |
|  | 09.00 – 11.00 | Bureau of the Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs* <i>Room 18, level -1, CICG</i> |
|  | 09.30 – 12.30 | Standing Committee on Peace and International Security Debate on the draft resolution on <i>Sustaining peace as a vehicle for achieving sustainable development</i> <i>Room 2, level 0, CICG</i> |
|  | 09.30 – 13.00 | Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade Debate and start of drafting in plenary on the draft resolution on <i>Engaging the private sector in implementing the SDGs, especially on renewable energy</i> <i>Rooms 3 & 4, level 0, CICG</i> |
|  | 11.00 – 13.00 | Assembly: Start of the General Debate <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i> |
|  | 11.30 – 13.00 | Bureau of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights* <i>Room 18, level -1, CICG</i> |
|  | 14.30 – 17.00 | Assembly: General Debate <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i> |
|  | 14.30 – 17.30 | Standing Committee on Peace and International Security Drafting in plenary of the resolution on <i>Sustaining peace as a vehicle for achieving sustainable development</i> <i>Room 2, level 0, CICG</i> |
|  | 14.30 – 18.00 | Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians* <i>Salle Lausanne, CCV Annexe building, CICG</i> |
|  | 14.30 – 18.30 | Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU <i>Rooms 3 & 4, level 0, CICG</i> |
|  | 17.00 – 18.30 | Assembly: Decision on the emergency item <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i> |






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Monday, 26 March 2018

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|  | 09.00 – 11.00 | High-Level Advisory Group on countering terrorism and violent extremism* <i>Salle Genève, CCV Annexe building, CICG</i> |
|  | 09.00 – 13.00 09.00 – 10.30 10.30 – 13.00 | Assembly - Debate on the emergency item, and - Continuation of the General Debate <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i> |
|  | 09.30 – 12.30 | Standing Committee on Peace and International Security Completion of drafting in plenary of the resolution on <i>Sustaining peace as a vehicle for achieving sustainable development</i> <i>Room 2, level 0, CICG</i> |
|  | 09.30 – 13.00 | Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights Debate on the draft resolution to be adopted at the 139 th Assembly on <i>Strengthening inter-parliamentary cooperation on migration and migration governance in view of the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration</i> <i>Rooms 3 & 4, level 0, CICG</i> |
|  | 09.30 – 13.00 | Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians* <i>Salle Lausanne, CCV Annexe building, CICG</i> |
| ASGP | 11.00 – 12.30 | ASGP Meeting <i>Rooms 5 & 6, level 3, CICG</i> |
|  | 11.30 – 13.00 | Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law* <i>Salle Genève, CCV Annexe building, CICG</i> |
|  | 14.30 – 16.30 | Bureau of the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security* <i>Room 18, level -1, CICG</i> |
| ASGP | 14.30 – 17.30 | ASGP Meeting <i>Rooms 5 & 6, level 3, CICG</i> |
|  | 14.30 – 18.30 | Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade Drafting in plenary of the resolution on <i>Engaging the private sector in implementing the SDGs, especially on renewable energy</i> <i>Rooms 3 & 4, level 0, CICG</i> |
|  | 14.30 – 18.30 | Assembly: Continuation of the General Debate <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i> |
|  | 14.30 – 18.30 | Possible drafting committee on the emergency item* <i>Salle Genève, CCV Annexe building, CICG</i> |
|  | 17.00 – 18.30 | Committee on Middle East Questions* <i>Room 18, level -1, CICG</i> |





* *closed meeting*

Tuesday, 27 March 2018

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|  | 09.00 – 10.00 | Gender Partnership Group* <i>Salle Genève, CCV Annexe building, CICG</i> |
|  | 09.00 – 10.30 | Bureau of the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade* <i>Salle Lausanne, CCV Annexe building, CICG</i> |
|  | 09.00 – 13.00 | Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs Debate on <i>Preparations for the 2018 session of the UN High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on sustainable development</i> <i>Room 2, level 0, CICG</i> |
|  | 09.30 – 11.30 | Standing Committee on Peace and International Security Adoption of the draft resolution on <i>Sustaining peace as a vehicle for achieving sustainable development</i> <i>Rooms 3 & 4, level 0, CICG</i> |
|  | 10.00 – 12.30 | Executive Committee* <i>Salle Genève, CCV Annexe building, CICG</i> |
| ASGP | 10.00 – 12.30 | ASGP Meeting <i>Rooms 5 & 6, level 3, CICG</i> |
|  | 11.00 – 13.00 | Assembly: Continuation of the General Debate <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i> |
|  | 12.00 – 13.00 | Forum of Women Parliamentarians: Bureau elections <i>Rooms 3 & 4, level 0, CICG</i> |
|  | 14.30 – 15.30 | Bureau of Women Parliamentarians* <i>Room 18, level -1, CICG</i> |
|  | 14.30 – 16.00 | Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade Adoption of the draft resolution on <i>Engaging the private sector in implementing the SDGs, especially on renewable energy</i> <i>Room 2, level 0, CICG</i> |
| ASGP | 14.30 – 17.30 | ASGP Meeting <i>Rooms 5 & 6, level 3, CICG</i> |
|  | 14.30 – 18.00 | Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians* <i>Salle Lausanne, CCV Annexe building, CICG</i> |
|  | 14.30 – 18.30 | Assembly - Adoption of the resolution on the emergency item, and - Conclusion of the General Debate <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i> |
|  | 15.30 – 16.00 | Forum of Women Parliamentarians <i>Rooms 3 & 4, level 0, CICG</i> |
|  | 16.30 – 18.30 | Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights Consideration of the proposal for a Debate on <i>The role of parliaments in ending discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, and ensuring respect for the human rights of LGBTI persons</i> <i>Room 2, level 0, CICG</i> |
|  | 16.30 – 18.30 | Interactive session with regional and other parliamentary assemblies and organizations on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals <i>Salle Genève, CCV Annexe building, CICG</i> |

* closed meeting

Wednesday, 28 March 2018

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|---|---|---|
|  | 09.00 – 11.00 | Bureau of Women Parliamentarians* <i>Salle Genève, CCV Annexe building, CICG</i> |
|  | 09.30 – 13.00 | Governing Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Decisions on the human rights of MPs, and- Reports of specialized meetings <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i> |
| ASGP | 10.00 – 12.30 | ASGP Meeting <i>Rooms 5 & 6, level 3, CICG</i> |
| ASGP | 14.30 – 17.30 | ASGP Meeting <i>Rooms 5 & 6, level 3, CICG</i> |
|  | 14.30 - | Governing Council <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i> |
|  | At the end of the Governing Council | Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Adoption of resolutions- Reports of the Standing Committees- Outcome document of the General debate, and- Closing sitting <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i> |

Legend:

Assembly /
Governing Council



Committees /
Panel discussions



Other Assembly events,
including *in camera*
sessions



* *closed meeting*



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SPEAKERS' PRE-REGISTRATION FORM
GENERAL DEBATE

(ITEM 3 OF THE AGENDA)

PARLIAMENT OR ORGANIZATION.....

| | Please circle one title | Family name | Given name(s) | Is s/he presiding officer (Speaker) of parliament? |
|----|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|--|
| 1 | MR./ MS. | | | Yes / No |
| 2* | MR./ MS. | | | Yes / No |



*The second speaker is only applicable to IPU Member Parliaments and Associate Members

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**PROVISIONAL TABLE SHOWING THE ALLOCATION OF VOTES
AT THE 138th ASSEMBLY**
(According to Article 15.2 of the Statutes)

| MEMBERS | | Votes under (a) | Population in millions | Votes under (b) | Total number of votes |
|---------|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | Afghanistan | 10 | 24.1 | 4 | 14 |
| 2. | Albania | 10 | 3.0 | 1 | 11 |
| 3. | Algeria | 10 | 33.2 | 5 | 15 |
| 4. | Andorra | 10 | 0.08 | 0 | 10 |
| 5. | Angola | 10 | 25.7 | 4 | 14 |
| 6. | Argentina | 10 | 41.0 | 6 | 16 |
| 7. | Armenia | 10 | 3.4 | 1 | 11 |
| 8. | Australia | 10 | 21.0 | 4 | 14 |
| 9. | Austria | 10 | 8.4 | 2 | 12 |
| 10. | Azerbaijan | 10 | 9.5 | 2 | 12 |
| 11. | Bahrain | 10 | 1.2 | 1 | 11 |
| 12. | Bangladesh | 10 | 153.0 | 10 | 20 |
| 13. | Belarus | 10 | 10.2 | 3 | 13 |
| 14. | Belgium | 10 | 11.2 | 3 | 13 |
| 15. | Benin | 10 | 7.6 | 2 | 12 |
| 16. | Bhutan | 10 | 0.7 | 0 | 10 |
| 17. | Bolivia (Plurinational State of) | 10 | 6.7 | 2 | 12 |
| 18. | Bosnia and Herzegovina | 10 | 4.3 | 1 | 11 |
| 19. | Botswana | 10 | 1.3 | 1 | 11 |
| 20. | Brazil | 10 | 204.4 | 12 | 22 |
| 21. | Bulgaria | 10 | 8.5 | 2 | 12 |
| 22. | Burkina Faso | 10 | 10.4 | 3 | 13 |
| 23. | Burundi | 10 | 10.1 | 3 | 13 |
| 24. | Cambodia | 10 | 14.6 | 3 | 13 |
| 25. | Cameroon | 10 | 12.9 | 3 | 13 |
| 26. | Canada | 10 | 30.8 | 5 | 15 |
| 27. | Cape-Verde | 10 | 0.3 | 0 | 10 |
| 28. | Central African Republic | 10 | 5.1 | 2 | 12 |
| 29. | Chad | 10 | 11.3 | 3 | 13 |
| 30. | Chile | 10 | 15.1 | 3 | 13 |
| 31. | China | 10 | 1,200.0 | 13 | 23 |
| 32. | Colombia | 10 | 29.5 | 4 | 14 |
| 33. | Comoros | 10 | 0.7 | 0 | 10 |
| 34. | Congo | 10 | 1.9 | 1 | 11 |
| 35. | Costa Rica | 10 | 3.3 | 1 | 11 |
| 36. | Côte d'Ivoire | 10 | 15.5 | 3 | 13 |
| 37. | Croatia | 10 | 4.8 | 1 | 11 |
| 38. | Cuba | 10 | 10.2 | 3 | 13 |
| 39. | Cyprus | 10 | 0.7 | 0 | 10 |
| 40. | Czech Republic | 10 | 10.5 | 3 | 13 |
| 41. | Dem. People's Rep. of Korea | 10 | 20.9 | 4 | 14 |
| 42. | Dem. Republic of the Congo | 10 | 56.8 | 7 | 17 |
| 43. | Denmark | 10 | 5.2 | 2 | 12 |
| 44. | Djibouti | 10 | 0.79 | 0 | 10 |
| 45. | Dominican Republic | 10 | 9.0 | 2 | 12 |
| 46. | Ecuador | 10 | 14.0 | 3 | 13 |
| 47. | Egypt | 10 | 85.7 | 9 | 19 |
| 48. | El Salvador | 10 | 5.3 | 2 | 12 |
| 49. | Equatorial Guinea | 10 | 1.0 | 1 | 11 |

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|---------|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 50. | Estonia | 10 | 1.5 | 1 | 11 |
| 51. | Ethiopia | 10 | 87.9 | 9 | 19 |
| 52. | Federated States of Micronesia | 10 | 0.10 | 0 | 10 |
| 53. | Fiji | 10 | 0.80 | 0 | 10 |
| 54. | Finland | 10 | 5.4 | 2 | 12 |
| 55. | France | 10 | 65.8 | 8 | 18 |
| 56. | Gabon | 10 | 1.0 | 1 | 11 |
| 57. | Gambia (The) | 10 | 1.5 | 1 | 11 |
| 58. | Georgia | 10 | 4.7 | 1 | 11 |
| 59. | Germany | 10 | 81.3 | 9 | 19 |
| 60. | Ghana | 10 | 25.0 | 4 | 14 |
| 61. | Greece | 10 | 10.2 | 3 | 13 |
| 62. | Guatemala | 10 | 8.2 | 2 | 12 |
| 63. | Guinea | 10 | 10.6 | 3 | 13 |
| 64. | Guinea-Bissau | 10 | 1.5 | 1 | 11 |
| 65. | Guyana | 10 | 0.76 | 0 | 10 |
| 66. | Haiti | 10 | 10.2 | 3 | 13 |
| 67. | Honduras | 10 | 8.1 | 2 | 12 |
| 68. | Hungary | 10 | 10.4 | 3 | 13 |
| 69. | Iceland | 10 | 0.31 | 0 | 10 |
| 70. | India | 10 | 1,000.3 | 13 | 23 |
| 71. | Indonesia | 10 | 206.0 | 12 | 22 |
| 72. | Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 10 | 60.5 | 8 | 18 |
| 73. | Iraq | 10 | 26.7 | 4 | 14 |
| 74. | Ireland | 10 | 4.5 | 1 | 11 |
| 75. | Israel | 10 | 6.7 | 2 | 12 |
| 76. | Italy | 10 | 57.0 | 7 | 17 |
| 77. | Japan | 10 | 123.6 | 10 | 20 |
| 78. | Jordan | 10 | 5.5 | 2 | 12 |
| 79. | Kazakhstan | 10 | 17.0 | 3 | 13 |
| 80. | Kenya | 10 | 38.6 | 5 | 15 |
| 81. | Kuwait | 10 | 2.2 | 1 | 11 |
| 82. | Kyrgyzstan | 10 | 5.5 | 2 | 12 |
| 83. | Lao People's Dem. Rep. | 10 | 5.6 | 2 | 12 |
| 84. | Latvia | 10 | 2.7 | 1 | 11 |
| 85. | Lebanon | 10 | 2.4 | 1 | 11 |
| 86. | Lesotho | 10 | 2.1 | 1 | 11 |
| 87. | Libya | 10 | 3.9 | 1 | 11 |
| 88. | Liechtenstein | 10 | 0.03 | 0 | 10 |
| 89. | Lithuania | 10 | 3.9 | 1 | 11 |
| 90. | Luxembourg | 10 | 0.4 | 0 | 10 |
| 91. | Madagascar | 10 | 20.6 | 4 | 14 |
| 92. | Malawi | 10 | 13.9 | 3 | 13 |
| 93. | Malaysia | 10 | 22.7 | 4 | 14 |
| 94. | Maldives | 10 | 0.35 | 0 | 10 |
| 95. | Mali | 10 | 16.4 | 3 | 13 |
| 96. | Malta | 10 | 0.3 | 0 | 10 |
| 97. | Marshall Islands* | 10 | 0.05 | 0 | 10 |
| 98. | Mauritania | 10 | 3.1 | 1 | 11 |
| 99. | Mauritius | 10 | 1.02 | 1 | 11 |
| 100. | Mexico | 10 | 104.0 | 10 | 20 |
| 101. | Monaco | 10 | 0.03 | 0 | 10 |

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|---------|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 102. | Mongolia | 10 | 2.9 | 1 | 11 |
| 103. | Montenegro | 10 | 0.62 | 0 | 10 |
| 104. | Morocco | 10 | 31.5 | 5 | 15 |
| 105. | Mozambique | 10 | 12.1 | 3 | 13 |
| 106. | Myanmar | 10 | 60.3 | 8 | 18 |
| 107. | Namibia | 10 | 1.5 | 1 | 11 |
| 108. | Nepal | 10 | 26.4 | 4 | 14 |
| 109. | Netherlands | 10 | 15.3 | 3 | 13 |
| 110. | New Zealand | 10 | 4.4 | 1 | 11 |
| 111. | Nicaragua | 10 | 5.1 | 2 | 12 |
| 112. | Niger | 10 | 16.5 | 3 | 13 |
| 113. | Nigeria | 10 | 140.4 | 10 | 20 |
| 114. | Norway | 10 | 5.0 | 2 | 12 |
| 115. | Oman | 10 | 2.5 | 1 | 11 |
| 116. | Pakistan | 10 | 160.9 | 11 | 21 |
| 117. | Palau | 10 | 0.02 | 0 | 10 |
| 118. | Palestine | 10 | 3.9 | 1 | 11 |
| 119. | Panama | 10 | 1.7 | 1 | 11 |
| 120. | Papua New Guinea | 10 | 3.0 | 1 | 11 |
| 121. | Paraguay | 10 | 5.7 | 2 | 12 |
| 122. | Peru | 10 | 23.0 | 4 | 14 |
| 123. | Philippines | 10 | 62.1 | 8 | 18 |
| 124. | Poland | 10 | 38.5 | 5 | 15 |
| 125. | Portugal | 10 | 10.3 | 3 | 13 |
| 126. | Qatar | 10 | 0.88 | 0 | 10 |
| 127. | Republic of Korea | 10 | 50.8 | 7 | 17 |
| 128. | Republic of Moldova | 10 | 4.3 | 1 | 11 |
| 129. | Romania | 10 | 23.0 | 4 | 14 |
| 130. | Russian Federation | 10 | 148.8 | 10 | 20 |
| 131. | Rwanda | 10 | 6.2 | 2 | 12 |
| 132. | Saint Lucia* | 10 | 0.18 | 0 | 10 |
| 133. | Samoa | 10 | 0.17 | 0 | 10 |
| 134. | San Marino | 10 | 0.02 | 0 | 10 |
| 135. | Sao Tome and Principe | 10 | 0.16 | 0 | 10 |
| 136. | Saudi Arabia | 10 | 27.1 | 4 | 14 |
| 137. | Senegal | 10 | 7.0 | 2 | 12 |
| 138. | Serbia | 10 | 9.7 | 2 | 12 |
| 139. | Seychelles | 10 | 0.08 | 0 | 10 |
| 140. | Sierra Leone | 10 | 4.9 | 1 | 11 |
| 141. | Singapore | 10 | 5.08 | 2 | 12 |
| 142. | Slovakia | 10 | 5.2 | 2 | 12 |
| 143. | Slovenia | 10 | 1.9 | 1 | 11 |
| 144. | Somalia | 10 | 10.4 | 3 | 13 |
| 145. | South Africa | 10 | 51.7 | 7 | 17 |
| 146. | Spain | 10 | 39.4 | 5 | 15 |
| 147. | South Sudan | 10 | 10.0 | 3 | 13 |
| 148. | Sri Lanka | 10 | 17.0 | 3 | 13 |
| 149. | Sudan | 10 | 33.4 | 5 | 15 |
| 150. | Suriname | 10 | 0.4 | 0 | 10 |
| 151. | Swaziland | 10 | 1.1 | 1 | 11 |
| 152. | Sweden | 10 | 10.0 | 3 | 13 |
| 153. | Switzerland | 10 | 6.7 | 2 | 12 |
| 154. | Syrian Arab Republic | 10 | 12.5 | 3 | 13 |

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|---------|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 155. | Tajikistan | 10 | 5.1 | 2 | 12 |
| 156. | Thailand | 10 | 60.1 | 8 | 18 |
| 157. | The fYR of Macedonia | 10 | 2.3 | 1 | 11 |
| 158. | Timor-Leste | 10 | 0.92 | 0 | 10 |
| 159. | Togo | 10 | 5.4 | 2 | 12 |
| 160. | Tonga | 10 | 0.10 | 0 | 10 |
| 161. | Trinidad and Tobago | 10 | 1.22 | 1 | 11 |
| 162. | Tunisia | 10 | 10.2 | 3 | 13 |
| 163. | Turkey | 10 | 76.6 | 8 | 18 |
| 164. | Turkmenistan | 10 | 6.2 | 2 | 12 |
| 165. | Tuvalu | 10 | 0.01 | 0 | 10 |
| 166. | Uganda | 10 | 34.6 | 5 | 15 |
| 167. | Ukraine | 10 | 50.1 | 7 | 17 |
| 168. | United Arab Emirates | 10 | 2.5 | 1 | 11 |
| 169. | United Kingdom | 10 | 60.2 | 8 | 18 |
| 170. | United Rep. of Tanzania | 10 | 34.4 | 5 | 15 |
| 171. | Uruguay | 10 | 3.2 | 1 | 11 |
| 172. | Uzbekistan | 10 | 32.0 | 5 | 15 |
| 173. | Venezuela (Bolivarian Rep. of) | 10 | 30.0 | 5 | 15 |
| 174. | Vanuatu* | 10 | 0.27 | 0 | 10 |
| 175. | Viet Nam | 10 | 90.3 | 9 | 19 |
| 176. | Yemen | 10 | 10.5 | 3 | 13 |
| 177. | Zambia | 10 | 10.9 | 3 | 13 |
| 178. | Zimbabwe | 10 | 10.4 | 3 | 13 |

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Explanatory note on IPU online registration

The IPU Secretariat online registration system can be accessed through the 138th Assembly webpage, simply by clicking on the Registration button. The system will be open from 1st December 2017 to 20 March 2018, after which delegates should register with the IPU registration service: registration@ipu.org.

Important: There should only be one coordinator per delegation. S/he will be the sole user of the online registration system and will choose a password.

The registration process is as follows:

1. Sign up for an account and enter the requested details on this page. If you registered successfully for a recent Assembly, your identification information is still valid and may be used.
2. Once you have successfully created an account, sign in using your user name and password.
3. Click on "Register for this event" to register for the 138th Assembly.
4. Click on "Start registration" to register your delegation. In your capacity as delegation coordinator, do not forget to include yourself if you plan to attend the event.
5. Please ensure that:
 - All information relating to membership in **IPU governing bodies and committees** is included under: "Title or function within the IPU";
 - Details pertaining to your **national parliament** are included under: "Title/function in Parliament/Organization".
 - You **DO NOT** use ALL CAPITALS.
 - You click on the "+" **sign** to add committees (when there are more than one).
6. More information under FAQs: <http://w3.ipu.org/registration/index.php/FAQs/en>.
7. It will be possible to make changes to your data until 20 March 2018, after which you should contact the IPU directly at registration@ipu.org.

The registration process includes a **validation phase**, during which system administrators will examine your registration. Once your registration has been validated, you will be sent a confirmation e-mail. Otherwise, one of our administrators will contact you for any action that requires follow-up.

Should you have any questions on registration, please send them to Ms. Sally-Anne Sader, Conference Services Officer, at sas@ipu.org, with copies to the generic IPU e-mail addresses: postbox@ipu.org and registration@ipu.org.

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Assembly

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Agenda of the 138th Assembly

1. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the 138th Assembly
2. Consideration of requests for the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda
3. General Debate
4. Sustaining peace as a vehicle for achieving sustainable development
(*Standing Committee on Peace and International Security*)
5. Engaging the private sector in implementing the SDGs, especially on renewable energy
(*Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade*)
6. Reports of the Standing Committees
7. Approval of the subject items for the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security and for the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade at the 140th IPU Assembly and appointment of the Rapporteurs
8. Amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules

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Governing Council

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Provisional agenda of the 202nd session of the Governing Council of the IPU

Geneva, 25 and 28 March 2018

The provisional agenda for the session, prepared by the Executive Committee at its 276th session (October 2017), is as follows:

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Approval of the summary records of the 201st session of the Governing Council**
3. **Proposals for the election of the President of the 138th Assembly**
4. **Questions relating to IPU membership and the situation of certain parliaments**
 - (a) Requests for affiliation and reaffiliation to the IPU and observer status
 - (b) Situation of certain parliaments
5. **Report of the President**
 - (a) On her activities since the 201st session of the Governing Council
 - (b) On the activities of the Executive Committee
6. **Annual report of the Secretary General on the activities of the IPU in 2017**
7. **Reports on recent IPU specialized meetings**
8. **Implementation of the IPU Strategy for 2017-2021**
9. **Cooperation with the United Nations system**
10. **Financial results for 2017**
11. **Activities of committees and other bodies**
 - (a) Forum of Women Parliamentarians
 - (b) Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians
 - (c) Committee on Middle East Questions
 - (d) Group of Facilitators for Cyprus
 - (e) Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law
 - (f) Gender Partnership Group
 - (g) Advisory Group on Health
 - (h) Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU



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- 12. 139th IPU Assembly (October 2018)**
- 13. Future Inter-Parliamentary meetings**
 - (a) Statutory meetings
 - (b) Specialized meetings and other events
- 14. Amendments to the IPU Statutes and Rules**
- 15. Elections to the Executive Committee**
(cf. Article 21(k) of the Statutes and Rules 37, 38 and 39 of the Rules of the Governing Council)
- 16. Miscellaneous**



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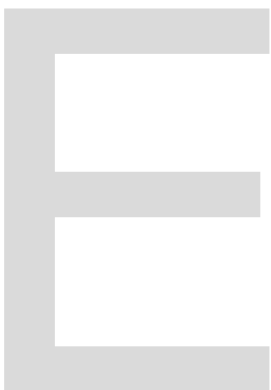
Standing Committee on
Peace and International Security

C-I/138/A.1
20 November 2017

Agenda

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Approval of the summary record of the Committee's session held on the occasion of the 137th IPU Assembly in St. Petersburg (October 2017)**
3. **Sustaining peace as a vehicle for achieving sustainable development**
 - (a) Presentation of the draft resolution and the explanatory note prepared by the co-Rapporteurs
 - (b) Debate
 - (c) Drafting and adoption of the draft resolution in plenary
 - (d) Appointment of a rapporteur to the 138th Assembly
4. **Preparations for future Assemblies**
 - (a) Proposals for a subject item for the next resolution to be considered by the Committee
 - (b) Proposals for the choice of two co-Rapporteurs
 - (c) Proposals for other items for the Committee agenda
5. **Elections to the Bureau of the Standing Committee**

The Committee will fill the existing vacancies on the Bureau based on proposals received from the geopolitical groups.
6. **Any other business**



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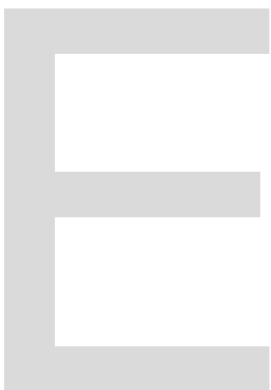
Standing Committee on
Sustainable Development
Finance and Trade

C-II/138/A.1
20 November 2017

Agenda

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Approval of the summary record of the Committee's session held on the occasion of the 137th IPU Assembly in St. Petersburg (October 2017)**
3. **Engaging the private sector in implementing the SDGs, especially on renewable energy**
 - (a) Presentation of the draft resolution and the explanatory note prepared by the co-Rapporteurs
 - (b) Debate
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Standing Committee on
Democracy and Human Rights

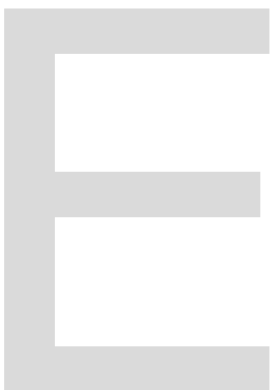
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20 November 2017

Agenda

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Approval of the summary record of the Committee's session held during the 137th IPU Assembly in St. Petersburg (October 2017)**
3. **The next resolution of the Standing Committee: *Strengthening inter-parliamentary cooperation on migration and migration governance in view of the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration***
 - (a) Confirmation of the Co-Rapporteurs
The 137th IPU Assembly decided that one of the co-Rapporteurs will be from Morocco, whose name needs to be confirmed at the 138th IPU Assembly.
As per the Rules of the Standing Committee, the IPU President will nominate a second co-Rapporteur for the Committee's consideration.
 - (b) Preparatory debate on the next resolution
The preparatory debate provides an opportunity for all Members to express their opinion on the issues to be included in the resolution. In addition, Members can submit written input to the resolution up to 20 April 2018.
Members' contributions will assist the Rapporteurs in drafting the resolution, which will be examined at the 139th IPU Assembly in October 2018.
4. **Consideration of proposal for a debate on *The role of parliaments in ending discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, and ensuring respect for the human rights of LGBTI persons***

In accordance with the decisions taken at the 137th IPU Assembly, the Committee is invited to give further consideration to this matter.
5. **Elections to the Bureau of the Standing Committee**

The Committee will fill the vacancies on the Bureau based on proposals received from the geopolitical groups. The Committee will also elect a new President and Vice-President from among the Bureau members.
6. **Any other business**



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Standing Committee on
United Nations Affairs

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Agenda

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Approval of the summary record of the Committee's session held at the 137th IPU Assembly in St. Petersburg (October 2017)**
3. **Parliamentary follow-up on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in preparation for the 2018 session of the United Nations High-level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development**

Following a panel presentation, participants will be invited to share lessons learned and best practices in support of the SDGs, and with a focus on results obtained. How well are parliaments integrating the SDGs into their work, and how effective are they in holding governments to account on SDG implementation?

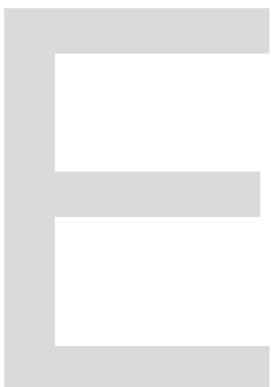
Best practices to be featured may include: mechanisms to oversee the implementation of the national plan for the SDGs; parliamentary input to the 48 voluntary national reviews (VNRs) that will be presented to the HLPF; ways to garner citizens' feedback on the results of government action, and legislative and budgetary reforms to support the implementation of the SDGs.

4. **Panel discussion on the main theme of the 2018 HLPF: *Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies***

This panel will reflect on ways to measure progress towards sustainability, such as the ecological footprint, and on some of the main aspects of sustainability, such as those that are reflected in the cluster of SDGs under review at the HLPF session, which includes the following:

- Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all (Goal 6);
- Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all (Goal 7);
- Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable (Goal 11);
- Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns (Goal 12);
- Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss (Goal 15).

5. **Any other business**



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FORUM OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS 27th SESSION

Geneva, 24 and 27 March 2018

Forum of Women Parliamentarians
Agenda

FEM/27/A.1
20 November 2017

I. MEETING SCHEDULE AND SPEAKING ARRANGEMENTS

The 27th session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians will be held at the *Centre International de Conférences Genève* (CICG), Switzerland, on Saturday, 24 March 2018, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. The Forum will hold a special sitting on Tuesday, 27 March 2017, from 2 to 2.30 p.m. and from 3.30 to 4 p.m.

The session is meant to elicit spontaneous and active debate. Speaking time may not exceed three minutes. There will be no formal list of speakers. In plenary, participants will be able to request the floor by completing the form to be found on the desks.

II. ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

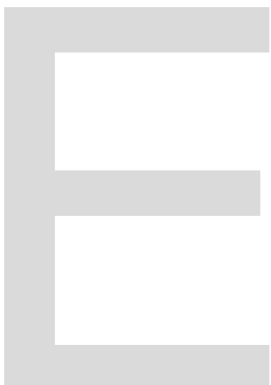
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| <p><i>First and second sittings</i> <i>Saturday, 24 March 2018, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m</i> <i>Room 2, level 0, CICG</i></p> |
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1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Activities to advance gender equality

- (a) Report of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians
Participants will be briefed about the Bureau's deliberations at its sessions in St. Petersburg on 18 October 2017 and in Geneva on 24 March 2018.
- (b) Report of the Gender Partnership Group
Participants will be briefed about the work and recommendations of the Group. The Group works to ensure gender equality within the IPU. It initiates reforms in this area and oversees their implementation. It is composed of two men and two women members of the Executive Committee.
- (c) Update on recent IPU activities for the promotion of gender equality
Participants will be briefed about IPU's recent activities to promote gender equality.

The discussion will conclude by 11.15 a.m.



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3. Contributing to the work of the 138th Assembly from a gender perspective

Participants will be invited to discuss the two draft resolutions on the agenda of the 138th Assembly. They will discuss each topic from a gender perspective and issue recommendations on amendments to be submitted by the Forum of Women Parliamentarians. For this purpose they will work in two groups, each covering one topic as follows:

Group 1 will discuss item 4 of the agenda:

Sustaining peace as a vehicle for achieving sustainable development (Standing Committee on Peace and International Security)

Group 2 will discuss item 5 of the agenda:

Engaging the private sector in implementing the SDGs, especially on renewable energy (Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade)

After a short presentation on the two draft resolutions, the Forum will split into the discussion groups. On the recommendation of its Bureau, the Forum will designate a chairperson and a rapporteur for each group. The rapporteurs will submit the groups' recommendations to the Forum of Women Parliamentarians at its afternoon sitting.

Each group will meet from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Forum will resume its work at 2.30 p.m.

4. Panel discussion on *Why are women still underrepresented in politics? The root causes and how to address them.*

The Forum will debate the current state of affairs of women's political participation, based on the latest IPU analysis on women in parliaments. Looking beyond statistics, the discussion will also aim to explore the root causes of women's underrepresentation. Participants will be invited to share best practices and innovative ways to address these challenges through a holistic and cross-sectoral approach. This will include a discussion on the International Gender Champions initiative and how it might impact positively on women's political participation.

The panel discussion will conclude by 4.30 p.m.

5. Reports of the discussion group rapporteurs

The discussion group rapporteurs will present their reports. The Forum will then ask them to consult with the President of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians and prepare amendments to be presented during the debate of the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security (scheduled for Sunday 25 March from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.30 to 6.30 p.m.), and of the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade (scheduled for Sunday 25 March from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

6. Venue and date of the 28th session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians

Third sitting
Tuesday, 27 March 2018, from 12 to 1 p.m. and from 3.30 to 4 p.m.
Rooms 3 & 4, level 0, CICG

7. Elections to the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians (12 to 1 p.m.)

The 27th Forum of Women Parliamentarians will renew half of the membership of its Bureau of Women Parliamentarians, to replace those regional representatives whose terms expire in March 2018, as well as those members of parliament who have lost their seats in parliament.

After the elections, the sitting will be suspended until 3.30 p.m. to allow the newly-constituted Bureau to meet *in camera* and select candidates for its Presidency (President, First Vice-President and Second Vice-President).

8. Elections of the Presiding Officers of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians (continued) (3.30 to 4 p.m.)

The Forum of Women Parliamentarians will resume its sitting to approve the candidatures for the offices of President and First- and Second Vice-Presidents of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians.

**COMPOSITION AND OFFICERS OF THE BUREAU
OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS
(as at 20 November 2017)**

OFFICERS (March 2016–2018)

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| President | Ms. M. Mensah-Williams (Namibia) |
| First Vice-President | <i>Vacancy</i> |
| Second Vice-President | Ms. N. Al Kharoosi (Oman) |

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Expiry of term

African Group:

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| Ms. M. Mensah-Williams (Namibia) | Ms. J. Nze Mouenidiambou (Gabon) | March 2018 |
| Ms. F. Adedoyin (Nigeria) | Ms. J. Gakuba (Rwanda) | March 2020 |

Arab Group:

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| Ms. N. Al Kharoosi (Oman) | Ms. S. Ksantini (Tunisia) | March 2018 |
| Ms. H. Alhelaissi (Saudi Arabia) | Ms. M. Azer Abdelmalak (Egypt) | March 2020 |

Asia-Pacific Group:

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| Ms. W. A. Khan (Bangladesh) | Ms. A. Khalid Parvez (Pakistan) | March 2018 |
| Ms. S. Sirivejchapun (Thailand) | Ms. R.W Karirathna (Sri Lanka) | March 2020 |

Eurasia Group:

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| Ms. V. Petrenko (Russian Federation) | Ms. A. Naumchik (Belarus) | March 2018 |
| Ms. L. Gumerova (Russian Federation) | Ms. K. Atshemyan (Armenia) | March 2020 |

Group of Latin American and the Caribbean:

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| <i>Vacancy</i> | Ms. J. Vicente (Dominican Republic) | March 2018 |
| Ms. E. Mendoza Fernández (Bolivia, [Plurinational State of]) | Ms. K.J. Beteta Rubín (Peru) | March 2020 |

Twelve Plus Group:

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| Ms. S. Errante (France) | <i>Vacancy</i> | March 2018 |
| Ms. S. Ataullahjan (Canada) | Ms. P. Locatelli (Italy) | March 2020 |

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Expiry of term

(ex officio, for the duration of their term on the Executive Committee)

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| Ms. F. Benbadis (Algeria) | October 2018 |
| Ms. M.I. de Oliveira Valente (Angola) | October 2019 |
| Ms. H. Haukeland Liadal (Norway) | October 2019 |
| Ms. A. Habibou (Niger) | October 2019 |
| Ms. Y. Ferrer Gómez (Cuba) | October 2020 |
| Ms. M. Kiener-Nellen (Switzerland) | October 2021 |

PRESIDENTS OF THE FORUM OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS

Expiry of term

(ex officio for two years)

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| Ms. N. Luo (Zambia) | March 2018 |
| Ms. D. Moni Nawaz (Bangladesh) | March 2019 |
| Ms. G. Karelova (Russian Federation) | October 2019 |



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Geneva, 24 – 28.03.2018

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FORUM OF YOUNG PARLIAMENTARIANS

Sunday, 25 March 2018, from 2.30 to 6.30 p.m.
Rooms 3 & 4 (level 0), CICC

Draft Agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Country updates on youth participation

The Forum will discuss recent developments in youth participation in different countries. It will debate the progress made to date and the current challenges, draw conclusions and make recommendations.

3. Contribution to the work of the 138th Assembly

Members of the Forum will exchange their views from a youth perspective on the draft resolutions under consideration at the 138th Assembly entitled *Sustaining peace as a vehicle for achieving sustainable development* and *Engaging the private sector in implementing the SDGs, especially on renewable energy*.

Members will review the Forum's written contributions that were presented to the co-Rapporteurs of these resolutions. As the Standing Committees on Peace and International Security and on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade respectively will debate and amend the resolutions at the 138th Assembly, Members may wish to make additional recommendations.

Members will also consider how to include a youth perspective in the outcomes of the 138th Assembly, particularly on the theme of the General Debate.

Members will be briefed on efforts to enhance youth participation at the IPU.

4. Update and discussion on the Forum's workplan and activities (2017-2018)

The Forum will discuss IPU activities aimed at supporting youth participation held since October 2017 and the future activities planned for 2018.

5. Question and Answer session on policy reform related to HIV and youth

The session will allow the young parliamentarians to pose questions and discuss the best ways in which to strengthen collaboration between young parliamentarians and young people on policy reform related to HIV, comprehensive sexuality education, and sexual and reproductive health and rights. The discussion will also serve to consolidate the commitment of young parliamentarians to advancing policy review and reform related to HIV and youth.

The session will include a presentation by UNAIDS, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS leading the global effort to end AIDS as a public health threat, and Pact, the global coalition of youth-led and youth-focused organizations and networks working on HIV and sexual and reproductive health and rights.

6. Preparations for the 139th Assembly (October 2018)

The Forum will prepare for its next meeting by discussing the items on the agenda of the IPU Committees for the 139th Assembly.

7. Any other business



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