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# 138<sup>th</sup> IPU ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

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## JOURNAL<sup>1</sup> Wednesday, 28 March 2018

Time	Meeting	Place
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Bureau of Women Parliamentarians	Salle Genève CCV Annexe, CICG (in camera)
9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. & 2.30 p.m.	<b>Governing Council</b> The Governing Council will complete its consideration of items remaining on its agenda, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>› Reports on recent IPU specialized meetings</li><li>› Reports and decisions of the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians</li><li>› Reports of committees and other bodies</li><li>› Implementation of the IPU strategy for 2017-2021</li><li>› Cooperation with the United Nations system</li></ul> It will hold the following elections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>› Election of one member to the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians</li><li>› Election of two members to the Committee on Middle East Questions</li><li>› Election of one member to the Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law</li></ul>	Room 1 level 1, CICG
2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	<b>Workshop on <i>The implementation of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons</i></b>	Salle Genève CCV Annexe, CICG

<sup>1</sup> Information as at 6 p.m. on 27 March.

**At the end of the  
Governing Council**

**Assembly – Closing sitting**

**Room 1  
level 1, CICG**

- ◆ General Debate on *Strengthening the global regime for migrants and refugees: the need for evidence-based policy solutions* **(Item 3)**
  - › Adoption of the outcome document
- ◆ Sustaining peace as a vehicle for achieving sustainable development (*Standing Committee on Peace and International Security*) **(Item 4)**
  - › Adoption of the draft resolution
- ◆ Engaging the private sector in implementing the SDGs, especially on renewable energy (*Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade*) **(Item 5)**
  - › Adoption of the draft resolution
- ◆ Reports of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights and the Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs **(Item 6)**
- ◆ 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 140<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly **(Item 7)**
  - › *Non-admissibility of using mercenaries as a means of undermining peace and violating human rights*  
(Standing Committee on Peace and International Security)  
*Co-Rapporteurs:* – Mr. K. Al Bakkar (Jordan)  
– Mr. B. Tarasyuk (Ukraine)
  - › *The role of fair and free trade and investment in achieving the SDGs, especially regarding economic equality, sustainable infrastructure, industrialization and innovation*  
(Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade)  
*Co-Rapporteurs:* – Mr. J. Wilson (Australia)  
– Ms. S. Raskovic Ivic (Serbia)  
– To be confirmed (Africa)
- ◆ Amendment to the IPU Statutes and Rules **(Item 8)** – Enhancing youth participation at IPU Assemblies
- ◆ Concluding remarks by representatives of the Geopolitical Groups

**Closure of the Assembly**

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## OTHER INFORMATION

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- ◆ **Survey on Assemblies and IPU Communications:** During the Assembly, IPU staff will be inviting delegates to complete a short survey on *Assemblies and IPU Communications*, the aim of which is to learn more about delegates' expectations and experiences at Assemblies, as well as to receive input that will help the IPU to craft its next communications strategy. The online version of the survey is available at [www.surveygizmo.eu/s3/90072706/IPU](http://www.surveygizmo.eu/s3/90072706/IPU) and on the Assembly App; paper copies can be obtained from and returned to the IPU Publications Stand or Registration Desk.

- ♦ **UNHCR tent on display:** In view of the theme of the General Debate, an example of a tent and equipment for refugees is on display on the ground floor of the CICG. A 10-minute film about the equipment is being shown next to the tent.
- ♦ **Humans and climate change exhibition:** *Humans&ClimateChangeStories* is a multimedia project that provides a documentary approach to the effects of climate change on our lives. Over the course of the next 10 years, the project will follow 12 families, scattered across the globe, who are directly affected by different types of climate change phenomena. Each family will be visited every three years. Through their stories, it is hoped to gain a better understanding of the effects of climate change on our daily lives and our capacity for resilience. The stories also put into perspective the social, economic and political forces that have an impact on environmental phenomena. Delegates are invited to view the exhibition which is on display on level 1 of the CICG, by the main entrance to the Plenary Hall.
- ♦ **Print-on-demand service:** This service is available at the Typing Pool and Photocopying Service (level -1, close to the Internet Corner) for those delegates who wish to obtain additional copies of any documents published on the IPU Assembly web page.
- ♦ **List of Participants:** The final List of Participants will be published on the IPU website ([www.ipu.org](http://www.ipu.org)).
- ♦ **Results of the 138<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.
- ♦ **IPU gift items:** IPU logo gift items are on sale at a stand located on level 0 of the CICG, near the coffee bar. The stand is open today, Wednesday, 28 March, between 12 noon and 2 p.m. Please note that only cash in Swiss francs (CHF) will be accepted.

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## MEDIA INFORMATION



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## VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 138<sup>th</sup> ASSEMBLY

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

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Today, 28 March 2018, the Governing Council will hold elections as outlined below.

### COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

#### Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one member**, preferably from the Asia-Pacific Group.

*The following candidatures have been received:*

- Mr. D. Carter (New Zealand): candidature submitted by the candidate and supported by the Asia-Pacific Group and the Twelve Plus Group;
- Mr. F. Naek (Pakistan): candidature submitted by the Parliament of Pakistan.

#### Committee on Middle East Questions

The Governing Council will be required to elect **two members** (female), preferably from the African Group, the Eurasia Group or the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC).

*The following candidatures have been received:*

- Ms. A. Makonda Ridley (Malawi): candidature submitted by the African Group;
- Ms. M. Guerra Castillo (Mexico): candidature submitted by GRULAC.

#### Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one member** (male) for GRULAC.

*The following candidature has been received:*

- Mr. A. Sinmaleza (Ecuador): candidature submitted by GRULAC.

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## **PRESIDENCIES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES**

Further to consultations among the Geopolitical Groups, agreement has been reached on the following distribution of the presidencies of the Standing Committees:

- › Standing Committee on Peace and International Security: **Twelve Plus Group** (Mr. J.I. Echaniz (Spain));
- › Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade: **African Group** (Ms. J. Mhlanga (Zimbabwe));
- › Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights: **Asia-Pacific Group** (Mr. A. Desai (India));
- › Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs: **GRULAC** (Mr. J.C. Romero (Argentina)).

Their mandate will commence immediately after the conclusion of the 138<sup>th</sup> Assembly, on 29 March.

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