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CONVOCAATION

OF THE 118th ASSEMBLY OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

Madam President,
Mr. President,

The 118th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and related meetings will be held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) in Cape Town (South Africa) from Sunday, 13 to Friday, 18 April 2008.

We look forward to welcoming a delegation from your parliament to this event. At the same time, we must draw your attention to the fact that many other events will be taking place in Cape Town at the same time as the 118th Assembly. **The deadline for hotel reservations has therefore been set at 31 January 2008.** Further information is provided on page 9 of this convocation.

1. AGENDA

1. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the 118th Assembly
2. Consideration of possible requests for the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda
3. General debate on the political, economic and social situation in the world with the overall theme of *Pushing back the frontiers of poverty*
4. The role of parliaments in striking a balance between national security, human security and individual freedoms, and in averting the threat to democracy
(*Standing Committee on Peace and International Security*)
5. Parliamentary oversight of State policies on foreign aid
(*Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade*)
6. Migrant workers, people trafficking, xenophobia and human rights
(*Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights*)
7. Approval of the subject items for the 120th Assembly and appointment of the Rapporteurs

2. TIMETABLE

The timetable of the Assembly is set out in Annex I. The debate on any emergency item will be held in plenary by the Assembly, whereas the three subject items (items 4, 5 and 6) will be debated by the Standing Committees.

The closing sitting of the 118th Assembly will take place on Friday, 18 April, from **4 p.m. to 6 p.m.** During this sitting, the reports of the Standing Committees will be presented and the draft resolutions submitted for adoption. Delegations are kindly requested to bear this in mind when making their travel arrangements.

3. EMERGENCY ITEM

The relevant provisions of the Statutes and Rules are as follows:

Statutes - Article 14.2

"2. *The Assembly may include one emergency item in its agenda (cf. Assembly Rule 11).*"

Assembly Rule 11

"1. *Any Member of the Union may request the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda. Such a request must be accompanied by a brief explanatory memorandum and a draft resolution which clearly define the scope of the subject covered by the request. The Secretariat shall communicate the request and any such documents immediately to all Members.*

2. *Consideration and acceptance by the Assembly of a request for the inclusion of an emergency item in its agenda shall be subject to the following provisions:*

- (a) *A request for the inclusion of an emergency item must relate to a major event of international concern on which it appears necessary for the IPU to express its opinion. Such a request must receive a two-thirds majority of the votes cast in order to be accepted.*
- (b) *The Assembly may place only one emergency item on its agenda. Should several requests obtain the requisite majority, the one having received the largest number of positive votes shall be accepted.*
- (c) *The authors of two or more requests for the inclusion of an emergency item may combine their proposals to present a joint one, provided that each of the original proposals relates to the same subject.*
- (d) *The subject of a proposal that has been withdrawn by its authors or rejected by the Assembly cannot be included in the draft resolution submitted on the emergency item, unless it is clearly referred to in the request and title of the subject adopted by the Assembly."*

- **Panel discussions**

A Panel on *Maternal, Newborn and Child Health* will take place on Wednesday morning, 16 April, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. A second Panel on *Peacebuilding towards Reconciliation* will take place in the afternoon of that same day, from 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

4. PARTICIPATION

Article 10 of the Statutes of the Union stipulates that:

"1. *The Assembly shall be composed of parliamentarians designated as delegates by the Members of the Union. Members shall include male and female parliamentarians in their delegation and shall strive to ensure equal representation of men and women.*

2. *The number of members of Parliament appointed as delegates to the first annual session of the Assembly by a Member of the Union shall in no case exceed eight in respect of Parliaments of countries with a population of less than one hundred million inhabitants, or ten in respect of Parliaments of countries with a population of one hundred million inhabitants or more. The number of delegates to the second annual session shall not exceed five, or seven for Parliaments of countries with a population of one hundred million inhabitants or more.*

3. *Any delegation that for three consecutive sessions of the Assembly is composed exclusively of parliamentarians of the same sex shall automatically be reduced by one person."*

As regards Article 10.2 of the Statutes, please note that the number of additional MPs accompanying delegations must not exceed two. They will be listed as advisers and, therefore, without speaking or voting rights.

Pursuant to Article 5.2 of the Statutes, IPU Members whose arrears equal or exceed the amount of the contributions due from them for the preceding two full years may not be represented by more than two delegates at meetings of the Union.

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 of an intergovernmental or inter-parliamentary nature and other bodies included in a list established by the Governing Council (181st session, October 2007) have been invited to be represented at the Assembly as observers.

5. STEERING COMMITTEE

Assembly Rule 9 states that the Steering Committee of the Assembly shall be 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 its work in an advisory capacity.

The Steering Committee, assisted by the IPU Secretary General, is mandated to take all appropriate measures to ensure the effective organisation and normal functioning of the Assembly proceedings.

6. MEETINGS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

In accordance with Assembly Rule 15.3 the subject items placed on the Assembly agenda by the Standing Committees (items 4, 5 and 6) will be debated by the following Committees:

Item 4: First Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

Item 5: Second Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade

Item 6: Third Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights.

The Standing Committees, which will be convened separately, will meet during the 118th Assembly (see General Timetable in [Annex J](#)). They will be required to debate the report(s) prepared by the co-Rapporteurs and adopt a draft resolution on the subject item within their purview. To assist them in this task, Standing Committees may set up drafting committees (Standing Committees Rule 15).

7. REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS ON THE ITEMS CONSIDERED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEES

The 116th Assembly in Nusa Dua appointed the Rapporteurs for each Standing Committee. These co-Rapporteurs have been entrusted with preparing a report or reports and a draft resolution on the item placed on their Committee's agenda. Members may contribute to the content of these documents by submitting comments, suggestions and amendments.

The relevant provisions of the Rules are as follows:

Assembly – Rule 17

"1. Any delegate may submit amendments relating to the draft resolutions prepared by the rapporteurs on the subject item included in the agenda approved by the Assembly. They shall be deposited with the Secretariat of the Assembly no later than 15 days before the opening of the Assembly. However, the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians shall be permitted to submit amendments incorporating a gender perspective at any time prior to the closure of the first sitting of the respective Standing Committee. This Rule shall apply to the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians at the second Assembly of the year (cf. Standing Committees, Rule 12.2).

2. Sub-amendments relating to these draft resolutions may be submitted until the Standing Committee adopts the draft resolution intended for the Assembly."

Standing Committees – Rule 12

"1. ... Members of the Union may contribute to such reports by submitting their suggestions and comments to the rapporteurs. The arrangements for the submission of such suggestions and comments shall be indicated in the convocation of the Assembly. The final report shall remain the responsibility of its authors (cf. Assembly Rule 13).

2. The rapporteurs shall also prepare a draft resolution on the subject to be debated in their Committee, which the Secretariat of the IPU shall send to the Members in advance of the session. Members may propose amendments to the draft resolution no later than 15 days before the opening of the Assembly. However, the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians shall be permitted to submit amendments which incorporate a gender perspective to the draft resolutions at any time prior to the closure of the first sitting of the respective Standing Committee. This Rule shall apply to the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians at the second Assembly of the year. The Committee will finalise the draft resolution and submit it to the Assembly for adoption (cf. Assembly Rule 17.1)."

Members are requested to take note of the following timetable for the circulation of the co-Rapporteurs' reports and draft resolutions, as well as the deadlines for the submission of amendments to the draft resolutions:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
14 December 2007	IPU Secretariat will circulate the reports and preliminary draft resolutions to all IPU Member Parliaments
1 February 2008	Deadline for the submission of amendments to the <u>preliminary</u> draft resolutions
15 February 2008	The IPU Secretariat will submit the revised preliminary draft resolutions to all Members.

29 March 2008

Deadline for the submission of amendments to the revised preliminary draft resolutions, in accordance with Rule 17.1 of the Rules of the Assembly.

A consolidated list of all such amendments will be published after this deadline on the Union's website and also made available to the delegates at the 118th Assembly.

Amendments to the draft resolutions should be submitted in one of the Union's official languages (English or French) and should clearly indicate:

- which paragraph they address, or whether a new paragraph is being proposed, and if so, where it should be placed in the text; and
- which parts of the text are modifications, additions or deletions.

Texts may be sent to the Secretariat by e-mail (postbox@mail.ipu.org).

Amendments

When the Assembly is called on to take a decision at its final plenary sitting on the draft resolutions prepared by the Standing Committees, the only amendments in order - apart from those of a purely editorial nature - shall be those incorporating the content of earlier proposals submitted within the statutory time-limits but not accepted by the relevant Standing Committee (cf. Assembly Rule 17.4).

8. GENERAL DEBATE (Item 3 of the agenda)

Speaking time for the General Debate

The provisions of the Assembly Rules with regard to speaking time in the General Debate are as follows:

- **Delegations of Members and Associate Members**

Rule 22

- "1. No more than two representatives of each delegation may speak in the General Debate. For this debate, every delegation shall be entitled to 8 minutes' speaking time unless the Steering Committee decides otherwise. When two speakers from the same delegation are registered for this debate, they shall share the speaking time in the most appropriate way.
2. With a view to ensuring the normal running of the debates, the Steering Committee may alter the above speaking time to suit the circumstances.
3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 above, the President may, at the end of the corresponding sitting, give the floor briefly to a delegation wishing to exercise its right of reply."

- **Delegations of Observers**

By decision of the IPU Governing Council, the speaking time of observers will be limited to five minutes. Only the delegation of Palestine will be entitled to the same speaking time as Members and Associate Members (8 minutes). Flexibility will be shown in the case of executive heads of organisations of the United Nations system who wish to address the Union.

Registration of speakers for the General Debate

The procedure for registering speakers is as follows:

- **Place and time**

- Registration will take place on the Assembly premises at the speakers' registration desk. This desk will be opened 24 hours before the beginning of the first plenary of the Assembly, as of 10.15 a.m. on Sunday, 13 April 2008.
- Unless changes are announced during the Assembly, the registration service is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. on Monday, 14 April 2008.

- **Pre-registration**

Pending a decision by the Assembly, and in order to facilitate the work of delegations, a new service available since the 116th Assembly and which will be continued during the 118th Assembly allows for pre-registration of speakers for the General Debate on the political, economic and social situation in the world (Item 3 of the agenda). This service will enable delegations to have the name(s) of their speaker(s) included in the list, without having to register on the spot. Members may 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".

Pre-registration will be considered valid once the final order of speakers has been determined by the traditional public drawing of lots at 6 p.m. on Sunday, 13 April 2008 (cf. Art. 23.2 of the Rules of the Assembly)

The following steps should be followed for the pre-registration of speakers:

1. The list of delegates should have already been received by the IPU Secretariat and the Organizing Committee of the host Parliament.
2. The speakers pre-registration form should be duly completed, dated and signed by either the Speaker of Parliament, President of the Group or Leader of the delegation.
3. The form should be returned to the IPU Secretariat by fax or e-mail no later than 6 p.m. (Swiss time) on Friday, 4 April 2008. After that date, all registrations must be made on the spot at the Assembly venue, as of 10.15 a.m., on Sunday, 13 April 2008.
4. Any delegations wishing to change the pre-registered speaker or speakers should inform the IPU Secretariat before the drawing of lots on Sunday, 13 April at 6 p.m.

Delegations wishing to register on the spot may continue to do so.

- **Delegations of Members and Associate Members**

The Secretariat will record the names of delegates who wish to take the floor, distinguishing between first and second speakers from delegations of Members and Associate Members. Registration may be made in person or through another member of the delegation.

- **Delegation of Palestine**

The delegation of Palestine will be entitled to register the same number of delegates as Members and Associate Members.

- **Delegations of other observers**

- Observers will be entitled to register one speaker only in plenary debates of the IPU statutory Assembly and its Standing Committees.
- Each programme and organ of the United Nations will be allowed to register one speaker.

- **List of speakers**

- At 6 p.m. on Sunday, 13 April, the Secretariat will determine the final order of speakers by a public drawing of lots. The list will be made public as soon as possible after the drawing of lots so that delegates have sufficient advance notice of when they will be called to address the Assembly.
- Speakers registering after the drawing of lots will be added to the list (in their respective categories) in the order in which they have registered, until the Assembly closes the list of speakers. A revised list containing those additions will be issued thereafter.
- Delegates may exchange their place on the list with other speakers. In order to avoid any confusion during the meeting, they are kindly requested to give advance notice of any such changes to the Secretary of the Assembly, Mr. Marcelo Bustos.

9. VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE ASSEMBLY

According to Rule 7.3 of the Assembly Rules, each delegation is entitled to designate one of its members as Vice-President. Some of them will be called upon to replace the President of the Assembly during a sitting or part of a sitting.

Delegations are requested to include the name of the person from their delegation who has been designated as a Vice-President of the Assembly when returning the registration form and, in any case, upon arrival at the IPU Registration Service.

10. TABLE SHOWING THE ALLOCATION OF VOTES

A provisional table showing the votes allocated to delegations at the 118th Assembly is contained in Annex II.

Members are requested to check their respective allocations and to inform the IPU Secretariat in writing of any necessary modifications, preferably in advance. The final table for the allocation of votes at the Assembly will be distributed at the opening of the session.

11. LANGUAGES

The IPU Secretariat will provide simultaneous interpretation for the two official languages of the Union, English and French, as well as Spanish and Arabic, at the meetings of all statutory bodies.

Four other interpretation channels have been reserved for the Chinese, Italian, Japanese and Russian languages at sittings of the Assembly, Governing Council, and Standing Committees.

Delegates may, exceptionally, use another language provided that they arrange for their speech to be interpreted into one or other of the Union's official languages, and that copies of the speech be given to the Chief Interpreter (Mrs. F. Steinig-Huang) and no later than two hours before it is to be delivered.

12. MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES

The following bodies will also meet during the Assembly:

- Governing Council (14 and 18 April, *public sittings*);
- Executive Committee (11, 12 and 17 April, *in camera*);
- Meeting of Women Parliamentarians (13 and 17 April, *public sittings*);

- Coordinating Committee of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians (13 and 17 April, *in camera*);
- Gender Partnership Group (11 and 12 April, *in camera*);
- Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians (13 to 17 April, *in camera*);
- Committee on Middle East Questions (14 and 17 April, *in camera*);
- Committee to promote respect for International Humanitarian Law (16 April, *in camera*);
- Group of Facilitators for Cyprus (15 April, *in camera*).

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

13. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE SESSION

Further information concerning the session will be provided in the Assembly Guidebook and in the "Additional information concerning the organization of the Assembly" document (distributed to delegations on registering).

Journal

Every day during the Assembly, participants will find in all meeting rooms and at the Registration and Information desk the "Journal" giving the latest updates on the programme of meetings and other important information designed to facilitate their participation in the proceedings of the session.

14. RESULTS OF THE ASSEMBLY

All delegations will receive two printed copies of the *Results* of the 118th Assembly and a diskette will be sent on request. In addition, the document is accessible on the IPU Web site (<http://www.ipu.org>) two weeks after the Assembly when a complete electronic version of the "Results" can be downloaded from the IPU site in PDF Format.

15. DELEGATES' STAY IN CAPE TOWN

The General Information document, sent together with the invitation by the Parliament of South Africa, contains details concerning delegates' stay in Cape Town, procedures for obtaining visas and the programme of receptions.

16. REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATION OF DELEGATES

Delegations are requested to note the following deadlines for the registration of delegates and for hotel reservations.

Registration of delegates

It would be appreciated if all participants could adhere strictly to the registration deadline of 29 February 2008. Please return the registration form for delegations annexed to the invitation to both the South African IPU Organizing Committee and the IPU Secretariat by that date. The addresses are as follows:

South African IPU Organizing Committee
Secretariat of the 118th Assembly of the IPU
WS 3/145, 3rd Floor, 90 Plein Street
Parliament of the Republic of South Africa
P.O. Box 15
Cape Town 8000, South Africa

Telephone: + 27 21 403 8107
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1218 Grand-Saconnex
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Telephone: + 41 22 919 41 50
Fax: + 41 22 919 41 60
E-mail: registration@mail.ipu.org
Web site: www.ipu.org

Hotel reservations and visas

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Due to the large number of events taking place in Cape Town just prior to, as well as during the 118th Assembly, delegates are informed that, should they not respect the deadline of 31 January 2008 for hotel reservations, the Parliament of South Africa will not be in a position to guarantee that rooms will be available. The hotel reservation forms annexed to the invitation from the Parliament of South Africa should be returned to the following address:

Ms. Maritha Kasner
South African IPU Organizing Committee
Secretariat of the 118th Assembly of the IPU
Parliament of the Republic of South Africa
South Africa

Telephone: + 27 21 419 5544
Fax: + 27 21 403 8124
E-mail: info@118thipuassembly.org

The Parliament of South Africa has sole responsibility for all matters relating to delegations' accommodation, visas and travel. It is therefore important that any communication concerning these matters be sent directly to the host Parliament (see address above), and not to the IPU Secretariat.

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We look forward to your Parliament's contribution to the debates that will take place at the 118th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and remain,

Yours sincerely,



Anders B. JOHNSSON
Secretary General
of the Inter-Parliamentary Union



Pier Ferdinando CASINI
President
of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

GENERAL TIMETABLE OF THE ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

(Cape Town, 11 to 18 April 2008)

Date		Plenary sittings	Committees	<i>In camera</i> sittings	Other events
Friday, 11 April 2008	MORNING			10.00 - 13.00 Executive Committee <i>Roof Terrace</i>	
	AFTERNOON			15.00 - 17.00 Executive Committee <i>Roof Terrace</i> 17.00 - 18.00 Gender Partnership Group <i>Roof Terrace</i>	
Saturday, 12 April 2008	MORNING			10.00 - 13.00 Executive Committee <i>Roof Terrace</i>	Meetings of the geopolitical groups <i>Times and rooms to be confirmed</i>
	AFTERNOON			15.00 - 17.00 Executive Committee <i>Roof Terrace</i> 17.00 - 18.00 Gender Partnership Group <i>Roof Terrace</i>	

Date		Plenary sittings	Committees	In camera sittings	Other events
Sunday, 13 April 2008	MORNING		09.30 - 13.00 Meeting of Women Parliamentarians <i>Ballroom East</i>	08.00 - 09.15 Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians <i>Roof Terrace</i> 10.00 - 13.00 Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians <i>MR 1.63/1.64</i>	Meetings of the geopolitical groups <i>Times and rooms to be confirmed</i>
	AFTERNOON		14.30 - 18.30 Meeting of Women Parliamentarians <i>Ballroom East</i>	15.00 - 18.00 Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians <i>MR 1.63/1.64</i>	14.00 - 15.00 Meeting of the Network of Secretaries and Advisers to delegations <i>MR 2.40</i> 15.00 - 18.00 ASGP Executive Committee <i>The Boardroom</i>
	19.30 - 20.30 * * * * * Inaugural Ceremony of the 118 th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union * * * * * Exhibition Halls 4A & 4B, CTICC				
Monday, 14 April 2008	MORNING	09.00 - 10.00 Governing Council: election of the President of the Assembly, Questions relating to Members and Report on the activities of the Executive Committee <i>Halls 1A & 1B</i> 10.15 - 13.00 Assembly: election of the President, followed by plenary debate <i>Halls 1A & 1B</i>	09.00 - 13.00 First Standing Committee (Peace and Security): presentation of the Report(s) of the rapporteurs and of the draft resolution; debate, and eventual designation of a drafting committee <i>Ballroom East</i>	08.00 - 09.00 Assembly Steering Committee <i>MR 1.93</i> 10.30 - 13.00 Committee on Middle East Questions <i>Roof Terrace</i>	09.00 - 10.00 ASGP Executive Committee <i>The Boardroom</i> 10.00 - 13.00 ASGP Meeting <i>MR 2.60</i>

Date		Plenary sittings	Committees	In camera sittings	Other events
Monday, 14 April 2008	AFTERNOON	<p>14.30 - 18.30 Assembly: continuation of the plenary debate and at 16.30 consideration of requests for the inclusion of an emergency item <i>Halls 1A & 1B</i></p>	<p>14.00 - 16.00 First Standing Committee (Peace and Security): continuation of the debate <u>or</u> drafting committee <i>Ballroom East or MR 1.41/1.42</i></p> <p>16.30 - 18.30 Third Standing Committee (Democracy and Human Rights): presentation of the Report(s) of the rapporteurs and of the draft resolution; debate <i>Ballroom East</i></p>	<p>14.30 - 18.30 Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians <i>MR 1.63/1.64</i></p> <p>16.30 - 18.30 First Committee: start or continuation of drafting committee <i>MR 1.41/1.42</i></p>	<p>14.30 - 18.00 ASGP Meeting <i>MR 2.60</i></p>
	MORNING	<p>09.00 - 13.00 Assembly: continuation of the plenary debate <i>Halls 1A & 1B</i></p>	<p>09.00 - 13.00 Third Standing Committee (Democracy and Human Rights): continuation of the debate and eventual designation of a drafting committee <i>Ballroom East</i></p>	<p>09.00 - 13.00 First Committee: start or continuation of drafting committee <i>MR 1.41/1.42</i></p> <p>09.30 - 13.00 Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians <i>MR 1.63/1.64</i></p> <p>Group of Facilitators for Cyprus <i>Roof Terrace</i></p>	<p>09.00 - 10.00 ASGP Executive Committee <i>The Boardroom</i></p> <p>10.00 - 13.00 ASGP Meeting <i>MR 2.60</i></p>
Tuesday, 15 April 2008	AFTERNOON	<p>16.30 - 18.30 Assembly: continuation of the plenary debate <i>Halls 1A & 1B</i></p>	<p>14.30 - 18.30 Second Standing Committee (Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade): presentation of the Report(s) of the rapporteurs and of the draft resolution; debate <i>Ballroom East</i></p>	<p>14.30 - 16.30 First Committee: continuation and end of drafting committee <i>MR 1.41/1.42</i></p> <p>14.30 - 18.30 Eventual drafting committee on the emergency item <i>Roof Terrace</i></p> <p>Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians <i>MR 1.63/1.64</i></p>	<p>14.30 - 18.00 ASGP Meeting <i>MR 2.60</i></p>

Date		Plenary sittings	Committees	In camera sittings	Other events
Wednesday, 16 April 2008	MORNING		<p>09.00 - 11.00 Second Standing Committee (Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade): continuation of the debate and eventual designation of a drafting committee <u>or</u> start of drafting committee <i>Ballroom East</i> <u>or</u> <i>MR 1.44</i></p> <p>09.30 - 12.30 Panel on maternal, newborn and child health <i>MR 2.40</i></p>	<p>09.00 - 13.00 Third Committee: start of drafting committee <i>MR 1.43</i></p> <p>09.30 - 13.00 Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians <i>MR 1.63/1.64</i></p> <p>11.00 - 13.00 Second Committee: start or continuation of drafting committee <i>MR 1.44</i></p> <p>11.30 - 13.00 Eventual drafting committee on the emergency item <i>Roof Terrace</i></p>	
	AFTERNOON		<p>14.30 - 17.00 Panel on peace-building towards reconciliation <i>MR 2.40</i></p> <p>15.30 - 18.30 First Standing Committee: adoption of the report(s) and draft resolution <i>Ballroom East</i></p>	<p>14.30 - 15.30 Meeting of the Bureau of the First Standing Committee <i>MR 1.41/1.42</i></p> <p>14.30 - 17.30 Second Committee: continuation and end of drafting committee <i>MR 1.44</i></p> <p>Third Committee: continuation and end of drafting committee <i>MR 1.43</i></p> <p>International Humanitarian Law Committee <i>Roof Terrace</i></p> <p>17.30 - 18.30 Meeting of the Bureau of the Second Standing Committee <i>MR 1.44</i></p> <p>Meeting of the Bureau of the Third Standing Committee <i>MR 1.43</i></p>	

Date		Plenary sittings	Committees	In camera sittings	Other events
Thursday, 17 April 2008	MORNING	09.00 - 13.00 Assembly: continuation of the plenary debate <i>Halls 1A & 1B</i>	09.00 - 11.00 Third Standing Committee: adoption of the report(s) and draft resolution <i>Ballroom East</i> 11.00 - 13.00 Second Standing Committee: adoption of the report(s) and draft resolution <i>Ballroom East</i>	10.00 - 13.00 Executive Committee <i>Roof Terrace</i>	09.00 - 10.00 ASGP Executive Committee <i>The Boardroom</i> 10.00 - 13.00 ASGP Meeting <i>MR 2.60</i>
	AFTERNOON	14.30 - 18.30 Assembly: continuation and end of the plenary debate <i>Halls 1A & 1B</i>	14.00 - 15.00 Meeting of Women Parliamentarians <i>Ballroom East</i> 16.00 - 16.30 Meeting of Women Parliamentarians <i>Ballroom East</i>	14.00 - 17.00 Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians <i>MR 1.63/1.64</i> 15.00 - 16.00 Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians <i>Roof Terrace</i> 17.00 - 19.00 Committee on Middle East Questions <i>Roof Terrace</i>	14.30 - 18.00 ASGP Meeting <i>MR 2.60</i>
Friday, 18 April 2008	MORNING	10.00 - 13.00 Governing Council (including the reports of some subsidiary bodies, such as the Human Rights Committee) <i>Halls 1A & 1B</i>		08.30 - 10.00 Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians <i>Roof Terrace</i>	09.00 - 10.00 ASGP Executive Committee <i>The Boardroom</i> 10.00 - 13.00 ASGP Meeting <i>MR 2.60</i>
	AFTERNOON	15.00 - 16.00 Governing Council: continuation <i>Halls 1A & 1B</i> 16.00 - 18.00 Assembly: closing session – reports of the Committees, and adoption of the resolutions and decisions Closure of the 118 th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union <i>Halls 1A & 1B</i>			14.30 - 18.00 ASGP Meeting <i>MR 2.60</i>

PROVISIONAL TABLE SHOWING THE ALLOCATION OF VOTES AT THE 118th 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	0.6	0	10
5.	Angola	10	8.3	2	12
6.	Argentina	10	33.0	5	15
7.	Armenia	10	3.4	1	11
8.	Australia	10	21.0	4	14
9.	Austria	10	7.8	2	12
10.	Azerbaijan	10	7.3	2	12
11.	Bahrain	10	0.7	0	10
12.	Bangladesh	10	109.0	10	20
13.	Belarus	10	10.2	3	13
14.	Belgium	10	9.9	2	12
15.	Benin	10	7.6	2	12
16.	Bolivia	10	6.7	2	12
17.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	10	4.3	1	11
18.	Botswana	10	1.3	1	11
19.	Brazil	10	146.0	10	20
20.	Bulgaria	10	8.5	2	12
21.	Burkina Faso	10	10.4	3	13
22.	Burundi	10	5.2	2	12
23.	Cambodia	10	10.7	3	13
24.	Cameroon	10	12.9	3	13
25.	Canada	10	30.8	5	15
26.	Cape-Verde	10	0.3	0	10
27.	Chile	10	13.4	3	13
28.	China	10	1,200.0	13	23
29.	Colombia	10	29.5	4	14
30.	Congo	10	1.9	1	11
31.	Costa Rica	10	3.3	1	11
32.	Côte d'Ivoire	10	15.5	3	13
33.	Croatia	10	4.8	1	11
34.	Cuba	10	10.2	3	13
35.	Cyprus	10	0.7	0	10
36.	Czech Republic	10	10.5	3	13
37.	Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	10	20.9	4	14
38.	Dem. Republic of the Congo	10	56.8	7	17
39.	Denmark	10	5.2	2	12
40.	Dominican Republic	10	9.0	2	12
41.	Ecuador	10	9.6	2	12
42.	Egypt	10	64.8	8	18
43.	El Salvador	10	5.3	2	12
44.	Estonia	10	1.5	1	11
45.	Ethiopia	10	67.5	8	18
46.	Finland	10	5.4	2	12

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47.	France	10	58.3	7	17
48.	Gabon	10	1.0	1	11
49.	Gambia	10	1.5	1	11
50.	Georgia	10	4.7	1	11
51.	Germany	10	81.3	9	19
52.	Ghana	10	16.5	3	13
53.	Greece	10	10.2	3	13
54.	Guatemala	10	8.2	2	12
55.	Hungary	10	10.4	3	13
56.	Iceland	10	0.27	0	10
57.	India	10	1,000.3	13	23
58.	Indonesia	10	206.0	12	22
59.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	10	60.5	8	18
60.	Ireland	10	3.5	1	11
61.	Israel	10	6.7	2	12
62.	Italy	10	57.0	7	17
63.	Japan	10	123.6	10	20
64.	Jordan	10	5.5	2	12
65.	Kazakhstan	10	17.0	3	13
66.	Kenya	10	24.0	4	14
67.	Kuwait	10	2.2	1	11
68.	Kyrgyzstan	10	4.5	1	11
69.	Lao People's Dem. Rep.	10	5.6	2	12
70.	Latvia	10	2.7	1	11
71.	Lebanon	10	2.4	1	11
72.	Liberia	10	2.8	1	11
73.	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	10	3.9	1	11
74.	Liechtenstein	10	0.3	0	10
75.	Lithuania	10	3.9	1	11
76.	Luxembourg	10	0.4	0	10
77.	Madagascar	10	18	3	13
78.	Malaysia	10	22.7	4	14
79.	Maldives	10	0.35	0	10
80.	Mali	10	8.0	2	12
81.	Malta	10	0.3	0	10
82.	Mauritius	10	1.02	1	11
83.	Mexico	10	104.0	10	20
84.	Monaco	10	0.03	0	10
85.	Mongolia	10	2.0	1	11
86.	Montenegro	10	0.62	0	10
87.	Morocco	10	26.5	4	14
88.	Mozambique	10	12.1	3	13
89.	Namibia	10	1.5	1	11
90.	Nepal	10	22.9	4	14
91.	Netherlands	10	15.3	3	13
92.	New Zealand	10	3.3	1	11
93.	Nicaragua	10	5.1	2	12
94.	Niger	10	10.7	3	13
95.	Nigeria	10	111.7	10	20
96.	Norway	10	4.3	1	11

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97.	Pakistan	10	130.6	10	20
98.	Palau	10	0.02	0	10
99.	Panama	10	1.7	1	11
100.	Papua New Guinea	10	3.0	1	11
101.	Paraguay	10	5.7	2	12
102.	Peru	10	23.0	4	14
103.	Philippines	10	62.1	8	18
104.	Poland	10	38.5	5	15
105.	Portugal	10	10.3	3	13
106.	Qatar	10	0.88	0	10
107.	Republic of Korea	10	45.5	6	16
108.	Republic of Moldova	10	4.3	1	11
109.	Romania	10	23.0	4	14
110.	Russian Federation	10	148.8	10	20
111.	Rwanda	10	6.2	2	12
112.	Samoa	10	0.17	0	10
113.	San Marino	10	0.02	0	10
114.	Sao Tome and Principe	10	0.16	0	10
115.	Saudi Arabia	10	16.9	3	13
116.	Senegal	10	7.0	2	12
117.	Serbia	10	9.7	2	12
118.	Singapore	10	2.9	1	11
119.	Slovakia	10	5.2	2	12
120.	Slovenia	10	1.9	1	11
121.	Somalia	10	10.4	3	13
122.	South Africa	10	40.4	6	16
123.	Spain	10	39.4	5	15
124.	Sri Lanka	10	17.0	3	13
125.	Sudan	10	35.0	5	15
126.	Suriname	10	0.4	0	10
127.	Sweden	10	8.7	2	12
128.	Switzerland	10	6.7	2	12
129.	Syrian Arab Republic	10	12.5	3	13
130.	Tajikistan	10	5.09	2	12
131.	Thailand	10	60.1	8	18
132.	The fYR of Macedonia	10	2.3	1	11
133.	Togo	10	5.4	2	12
134.	Tunisia	10	8.7	2	12
135.	Turkey	10	64.5	8	18
136.	Uganda	10	17.0	3	13
137.	Ukraine	10	50.1	7	17
138.	United Arab Emirates	10	2.5	1	11
139.	United Kingdom	10	60.2	8	18
140.	United Rep. of Tanzania	10	34.4	5	15
141.	Uruguay	10	3.2	1	11
142.	Venezuela	10	18.1	3	13
143.	Viet Nam	10	63.7	8	18
144.	Yemen	10	10.5	3	13
145.	Zambia	10	10.9	3	13
146.	Zimbabwe	10	10.4	3	13