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CONVOCATION OF THE 124th ASSEMBLY OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

Madam President,
Mr. President,

The 124th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will be held in Panama City (Panama) from Friday, 15 to Wednesday, 20 April 2011. The Assembly will be held under the general theme of ***Parliamentary accountability: living up to people's expectations***. The Assembly and its related meetings will take place in the ATLAPA Convention Centre in Panama City.

IMPORTANT

We would like to draw your attention to the calendar approved by the Governing Bodies of the IPU whereby the 124th Assembly will start on a Friday and have its closing session on a Wednesday.

1. AGENDA

1. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the 124th 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 *Parliamentary accountability: Living up to people's expectations*
4. Providing a sound legislative framework aimed at preventing electoral violence, improving election monitoring and ensuring the smooth transition of power
(*Standing Committee on Peace and International Security*)
5. The role of parliaments in ensuring sustainable development through the management of natural resources, agricultural production and demographic change
(*Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade*)
6. Transparency and accountability in the funding of political parties and election campaigns
(*Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights*)
7. Approval of the subject items for the 126th Assembly and appointment of the Rapporteurs

2. TIMETABLE

The timetable of the Assembly and related meetings is set out in [Annex I](#). Delegates will be able to address the topic of a possible emergency item in the General debate; whereas the three subject items (items 4, 5 and 6) will be debated by the respective Standing Committees.

The closing sitting of the 124th Assembly will take place on Wednesday, 20 April, from **4 p.m. to 6 p.m.** During this sitting, the reports of the Standing Committees will be presented by the rapporteurs and the draft resolutions submitted for adoption. Delegations are kindly requested to bear this in mind when making their travel arrangements.

3. EMERGENCY ITEM

According to Assembly Rule 11 and Article 14.2 of the Statutes, any Member of the Union may request the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda, which should be accompanied by a brief explanatory memorandum and a draft resolution. If the Assembly decides to include an emergency item in its agenda, provision has been made for an eventual meeting of a drafting committee to prepare a draft resolution.

4. PANEL DISCUSSIONS

On Monday, 18 April from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. a panel discussion will be held on ***Narrowing the Gaps: Achieving the Millennium Development Goals with Equity for Children***. It will focus on the critical role of parliaments in addressing the situation of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable children in order to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). While the past decade has witnessed progress towards reaching some of the MDGs, it is increasingly evident, 5 years away from the 2015 objective, that progress is uneven in many key areas. Data suggests that millions of the world's most disadvantaged, vulnerable and marginalized children are being left behind. These glaring - and, in some cases, deepening disparities must be addressed in order to achieve more sustainable and equitable progress towards the MDGs and beyond. An "equity approach" means prioritizing the delivery of life-saving interventions to children who are the most deprived, who suffer the greatest discrimination and who fall furthest outside existing safety nets. The panel will discuss the role of parliaments in achieving the MDGs in an equitable manner for all children.

In the afternoon of the same day, from 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m., a second panel discussion will be held. Details regarding this panel will be announced early 2011.

The format and conduct of the panel discussions will be largely informal, with focus on debate and interaction. They will be moderated by two or more experts. There will be no negotiations as such and therefore all prepared speeches setting out formal positions are discouraged.

5. OTHER EVENTS

There will also be other events taking place during the 124th Assembly and Members will receive more information in January 2011.

6. PARTICIPATION

Following the adoption by the 122nd Assembly (Bangkok, April 2010) of a resolution entitled *Youth participation in the democratic process*, Member Parliaments are encouraged to systematically include young members of parliament in their delegations to IPU Assemblies and other meetings. A separate meeting of young members of parliament will be organized in the course of the Assembly.

Each IPU Member may appoint a maximum of eight delegates to the first annual session of the Assembly, or ten for parliaments of countries with a population of one hundred million inhabitants or more. Any delegation that, for three consecutive sessions of the Assembly, is composed exclusively of parliamentarians of the same sex shall, however, automatically be reduced by one person.

Please note that the number of additional MPs accompanying delegations as Advisers must not exceed two.

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 (Article 5.2 of the Statutes).

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 observers are entitled to send a maximum of two delegates.

7. 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.

8. 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 124th Assembly (see General Timetable in [Annex I](#)). 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).

9. REPORTS AND DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON THE ITEMS CONSIDERED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEES

The 122nd Assembly in Bangkok appointed two 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>
17 December 2010	IPU Secretariat will circulate the reports and preliminary draft resolutions to all IPU Member Parliaments.
14 February 2011	Deadline for the submission of amendments to the <u>preliminary</u> draft resolutions.
28 February 2011	The IPU Secretariat will submit the revised preliminary draft resolutions to all Members.
1 st April 2011	Deadline for the submission of amendments to the <u>revised</u> 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 IPU website and also made available to the delegates at the 124 th Assembly.

Amendments to the draft resolutions should be submitted in one of the IPU 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).

10. GENERAL DEBATE (Item 3 of the agenda)

As indicated in the agenda, the overall theme of the General debate on the political, economic and social situation in the world during the 124th Assembly will be ***Parliamentary accountability: living up to people's expectations***.

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. Flexibility will be shown in the case of executive heads of organisations of the United Nations system who wish to address the IPU.

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 Friday, 15 April 2011.
- 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 Saturday, 16 April 2011.

- **Pre-registration**

A service is available which allows for the 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 enables 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 Friday, 15 April 2011 (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 speaker's 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 Wednesday, 8 April 2011. After that date, all registrations must be made on the spot at the Assembly venue, as of 10.15 a.m., on Friday, 15 April 2011.
4. Any delegations wishing to change the pre-registered speaker or speakers should inform the IPU Secretariat before the drawing of lots on Friday, 15 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.

- **Delegations of 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 Friday, 15 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.

11. 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.

12. TABLE SHOWING THE ALLOCATION OF VOTES

A provisional table showing the votes allocated to delegations at the 124th 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.

13. LANGUAGES

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

Three other interpretation channels have been reserved for the Chinese, 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 IPU'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.

14. MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES

The following bodies will also meet during the Assembly:

- Governing Council (16 and 20 April, *public sittings*);
- Executive Committee (13, 14 and 19 April, *in camera*);
- Meeting of Women Parliamentarians (15 April, *public sitting*);
- Coordinating Committee of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians (15 and 19 April, *in camera*);
- Gender Partnership Group (14 and 19 April, *in camera*);
- Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians (15 to 19 April, *in camera*);
- Committee on Middle East Questions (15 and 19 April, *in camera*);
- Committee to promote respect for International Humanitarian Law (18 April, *in camera*);
- Group of Facilitators for Cyprus (16 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.

15. 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.

16. RESULTS OF THE ASSEMBLY

All delegations will receive two printed copies of the *Results* of the 124th Assembly. 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.

17. DELEGATES' STAY IN PANAMA CITY

The General Information document, sent together with the invitation by the National Assembly of Panama, contains details concerning delegates' stay in Panama City, procedures for obtaining visas and the programme of receptions.

18. 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 15 February 2011. Please return the registration form for delegations annexed to the invitation to both the Panamanian Organizing Committee and the IPU Secretariat by that date. The addresses are as follows:

Secretariat of the Host Parliament of the
124th IPU Assembly
ATLAPA Convention Center
Via Israel and Via Cincuentenario
PO Box 0816-00672
Panama
Republic of Panama

Telephone: + 507 526 7170

Fax: + 507 526 7290

E-mail: 124ipu@asamblea.gob.pa

Website: www.124ipupanama.com

Inter-Parliamentary Union
5, chemin du Pommier
P.O. Box 330
1218 Grand-Saconnex
Geneva
Switzerland

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

The hotel reservation forms annexed to the invitation from the National Assembly of Panama, which will handle all hotel reservations, must be returned to the above address by 15 February 2011.

The National Assembly of Panama 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 124th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and remain,

Yours sincerely,



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



Theo-Ben GURIRAB
President
of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

TIMETABLE OF THE ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

(Panama, 15 to 20 April 2011)

Date		Plenary sittings	Meeting of Women Parliamentarians / Standing Committees and other events	<i>In camera</i> sittings	ASGP Meetings
Wednesday, 13 April 2011	MORNING			10.00 - 13.00 Executive Committee <i>Salon San Lorenzo (First floor)</i>	
	AFTERNOON			15.00 - 18.00 Executive Committee <i>Salon San Lorenzo (First floor)</i>	
Thursday, 14 April 2011	MORNING			10.00 - 13.00 Executive Committee <i>Salon San Lorenzo (First floor)</i>	
	AFTERNOON			15.00 - 17.00 Executive Committee <i>Salon San Lorenzo (First floor)</i> 17.00 - 18.00 Gender Partnership Group <i>Salon San Lorenzo (First floor)</i>	

Date		Plenary sittings	Meeting of Women Parliamentarians / Standing Committees and other events	<i>In camera</i> sittings	ASGP Meetings
Friday, 15 April 2011	MORNING		09.30 - 13.00 Meeting of Women Parliamentarians <i>Sala Isla Contadora (Ground floor)</i>	08.00 - 09.15 Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians <i>Salon San Lorenzo (First floor)</i> 10.00 - 13.00 Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians <i>Salon Boquete (First floor)</i>	
	AFTERNOON		14.00 - 15.00 Meeting of the Network of Secretaries and Advisers to delegations <i>Salon Portobelo (First floor)</i> 14.00 - 18.30 Meeting of Women Parliamentarians <i>Sala Isla Contadora (Ground floor)</i>	15.00 - 18.00 Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians <i>Salon Boquete (First floor)</i> Committee on Middle East Questions <i>Salon San Lorenzo (First floor)</i>	
	19.30 - 20.30 * * * * * Inaugural Ceremony of the 124th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union * * * * * Teatro Anayansi, Atlapa Convention Centre				
Saturday, 16 April 2011	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>Salas Islas Taboga y San Blas (Ground floor)</i> 10.15 - 13.00 Assembly: election of the President, followed by the general debate <i>Salas Islas Taboga y San Blas (Ground floor)</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 possible designation of a drafting committee <i>Sala Isla Contadora (Ground floor)</i>	08.00 - 09.00 Assembly Steering Committee <i>Boardroom (First floor)</i> 09.30 - 13.00 Group of Facilitators for Cyprus <i>Salon San Lorenzo (First floor)</i>	09.30 - 11.00 ASGP Executive Committee <i>Valle Totuma (Ground floor)</i> 11.00 - 12.30 ASGP Meeting <i>Teatro La Huaca (First floor)</i>

Date		Plenary sittings	Meeting of Women Parliamentarians / Standing Committees and other events	<i>In camera</i> sittings	ASGP Meetings
Saturday, 16 April 2011	AFTERNOON	<p>14.30 - 18.30 Assembly: General debate 16.30 consideration of requests for the inclusion of an emergency item <i>Salas Islas Taboga y San Blas (Ground floor)</i></p>	<p>14.00 - 15.00 First Standing Committee (Peace and Security): continuation of the debate or drafting committee <i>Sala Isla Contadora (Ground floor)</i></p> <p>15.30 - 18.30 Third Standing Committee (Democracy and Human Rights): presentation of the Report(s) of the rapporteurs and of the draft resolution; debate <i>Sala Isla Contadora (Ground floor)</i></p>	<p>14.30 - 18.30 Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians <i>Salon Boquete (First floor)</i></p> <p>15.30 - 18.30 First Committee: start or continuation of drafting committee <i>Salon Chaquira (First floor)</i></p>	<p>14.30 - 17.30 ASGP Meeting <i>Teatro La Huaca (First floor)</i></p>
	MORNING	<p>09.00 - 13.00 Assembly: continuation of the General debate <i>Salas Islas Taboga y San Blas (Ground floor)</i></p>	<p>09.00 - 11.00 Third Standing Committee (Democracy and Human Rights): continuation of the debate and possible designation of a drafting committee <i>Sala Isla Contadora (Ground floor)</i></p> <p>11.30 - 13.00 Second Standing Committee (Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade): presentation of the Report(s) of the rapporteurs and of the draft resolution; debate <i>Sala Isla Contadora (Ground floor)</i></p>	<p>09.00 - 13.00 First Committee: continuation of drafting committee <i>Salon Chaquira (First floor)</i></p> <p>09.30 - 13.00 Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians <i>Salon Boquete (First floor)</i></p>	<p>09.30 - 10.00 ASGP Executive Committee <i>Valle Totuma (Ground floor)</i></p> <p>10.00 - 12.30 ASGP Meeting <i>Teatro La Huaca (First floor)</i></p>
Sunday, 17 April 2011	MORNING	<p>09.00 - 13.00 Assembly: continuation of the General debate <i>Salas Islas Taboga y San Blas (Ground floor)</i></p>	<p>09.00 - 11.00 Third Standing Committee (Democracy and Human Rights): continuation of the debate and possible designation of a drafting committee <i>Sala Isla Contadora (Ground floor)</i></p> <p>11.30 - 13.00 Second Standing Committee (Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade): presentation of the Report(s) of the rapporteurs and of the draft resolution; debate <i>Sala Isla Contadora (Ground floor)</i></p>	<p>09.00 - 13.00 First Committee: continuation of drafting committee <i>Salon Chaquira (First floor)</i></p> <p>09.30 - 13.00 Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians <i>Salon Boquete (First floor)</i></p>	<p>09.30 - 10.00 ASGP Executive Committee <i>Valle Totuma (Ground floor)</i></p> <p>10.00 - 12.30 ASGP Meeting <i>Teatro La Huaca (First floor)</i></p>
	AFTERNOON	<p>14.30 - 18.30 Assembly: continuation of the General debate <i>Salas Islas Taboga y San Blas (Ground floor)</i></p>	<p>14.30 - 18.30 Second Standing Committee (Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade): continuation of the debate and possible designation of a drafting committee <i>Sala Isla Contadora (Ground floor)</i></p>	<p>14.30 - 18.30 Possible drafting committee on the emergency item <i>Salon San Lorenzo (First floor)</i></p> <p>Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians <i>Salon Boquete (First floor)</i></p>	<p>14.30 - 17.30 ASGP Meeting <i>Teatro La Huaca (First floor)</i></p>

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Monday, 18 April 2011	MORNING		<p>09.30 - 12.30 Panel discussion on <i>Narrowing the Gaps: Achieving the Millennium Development Goals with Equity for Children</i> <i>Sala Isla Contadora (Ground floor)</i></p>	<p>09.00 - 13.00 Second Committee: start of drafting committee <i>Salas Bejuco-Chocoe (First floor)</i></p> <p>Third Committee: start of drafting committee <i>Salon Trenzado (First floor)</i></p> <p>09.30 - 13.00 Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians <i>Salon Boquete (First floor)</i></p> <p>11.30 - 13.00 Possible drafting committee on the emergency item <i>Salon San Lorenzo (First floor)</i></p>	
	AFTERNOON	<p>15.30 - 18.30 First Standing Committee: adoption of the report(s) and draft resolution <i>Salas Islas Taboga y San Blas (Ground floor)</i></p>	<p>14.30 - 17.00 Panel discussion <i>Sala Isla Contadora (Ground floor)</i></p>	<p>14.30 - 15.30 Meeting of the Bureau of the First Standing Committee <i>Salon Chaquira (First floor)</i></p> <p>14.30 - 17.30 Third Committee: continuation and end of drafting committee <i>Salon Trenzado (First floor)</i></p> <p>International Humanitarian Law Committee <i>Salon San Lorenzo (First floor)</i></p> <p>14.30 - 18.30 Second Committee: continuation and end of drafting committee <i>Salas Bejuco-Chocoe (First floor)</i></p> <p>17.30 - 18.30 Meeting of the Bureau of the Third Standing Committee <i>Salon Trenzado (First floor)</i></p>	

Date		Plenary sittings	Meeting of Women Parliamentarians / Standing Committees and other events	<i>In camera</i> sittings	ASGP Meetings
Tuesday, 19 April 2011	MORNING	09.00 - 13.00 Assembly: continuation of the General debate <i>Salas Islas Taboga y San Blas (Ground floor)</i>	09.00 - 11.00 Third Standing Committee: adoption of the report(s) and draft resolution <i>Sala Isla Contadora (Ground floor)</i>	10.00 - 12.00 Executive Committee <i>Salon San Lorenzo (First floor)</i> 11.30 - 12.30 Meeting of the Bureau of the Second Standing Committee <i>Salas Bejuco-Chocoe (First floor)</i> 12.00 - 13.00 Gender Partnership Group <i>Salon San Lorenzo (First floor)</i>	09.30 - 10.00 ASGP Executive Committee <i>Valle Totuma (Ground floor)</i> 10.00 - 12.30 ASGP Meeting <i>Teatro La Huaca (First floor)</i>
	AFTERNOON	14.30 - 16.30 Assembly: continuation and end of the General debate <i>Salas Islas Taboga y San Blas (Ground floor)</i>	16.30 - 18.30 Second Standing Committee: adoption of the report(s) and draft resolution <i>Sala Isla Contadora (Ground floor)</i>	14.00 - 17.00 Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians <i>Salon Boquete (First floor)</i> 14.30 - 17.00 Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians <i>Salon San Lorenzo (First floor)</i> 17.00 - 19.00 Committee on Middle East Questions <i>Salon San Lorenzo (First floor)</i>	14.30 - 17.30 ASGP Meeting <i>Teatro La Huaca (First floor)</i>
Wednesday, 20 April 2011	MORNING	10.00 - 13.00 Governing Council (including the reports of some subsidiary bodies, such as the Human Rights Committee) <i>Salas Islas Taboga y San Blas (Ground floor)</i>			09.30 - 10.00 ASGP Executive Committee <i>Valle Totuma (Ground floor)</i> 10.00 - 12.30 ASGP Meeting <i>Teatro La Huaca (First floor)</i>
	AFTERNOON	15.00 - 16.00 Governing Council: last sitting <i>Salas Islas Taboga y San Blas (Ground floor)</i> 16.00 - 18.00 Assembly: closing session – reports of the Committees, and adoption of the resolutions and decisions Closure of the 124 th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union <i>Salas Islas Taboga y San Blas (Ground floor)</i>			14.30 - 17.30 ASGP Meeting <i>Teatro La Huaca (First floor)</i>

PROVISIONAL TABLE SHOWING THE ALLOCATION OF VOTES AT THE 124th 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	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	153.0	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	15.1	3	13
28.	China	10	1,200.0	13	23
29.	Colombia	10	29.5	4	14
30.	Comoros	10	0.5	0	10
31.	Congo	10	1.9	1	11
32.	Costa Rica	10	3.3	1	11
33.	Côte d'Ivoire	10	15.5	3	13
34.	Croatia	10	4.8	1	11
35.	Cuba	10	10.2	3	13
36.	Cyprus	10	0.7	0	10
37.	Czech Republic	10	10.5	3	13
38.	Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	10	20.9	4	14
39.	Dem. Republic of the Congo	10	56.8	7	17
40.	Denmark	10	5.2	2	12
41.	Djibouti	10	0.79	0	10
42.	Dominican Republic	10	9.0	2	12
43.	Ecuador	10	14.0	3	13
44.	Egypt	10	64.8	8	18
45.	El Salvador	10	5.3	2	12
46.	Estonia	10	1.5	1	11
47.	Ethiopia	10	67.5	8	18
48.	Finland	10	5.4	2	12

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49.	France	10	58.3	7	17
50.	Gabon	10	1.0	1	11
51.	Gambia	10	1.5	1	11
52.	Georgia	10	4.7	1	11
53.	Germany	10	81.3	9	19
54.	Ghana	10	16.5	3	13
55.	Greece	10	10.2	3	13
56.	Guatemala	10	8.2	2	12
57.	Guinea-Bissau	10	1.5	1	11
58.	Hungary	10	10.4	3	13
59.	Iceland	10	0.31	0	10
60.	India	10	1,000.3	13	23
61.	Indonesia	10	206.0	12	22
62.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	10	60.5	8	18
63.	Iraq	10	26.7	4	14
64.	Ireland	10	3.5	1	11
65.	Israel	10	6.7	2	12
66.	Italy	10	57.0	7	17
67.	Japan	10	123.6	10	20
68.	Jordan	10	5.5	2	12
69.	Kazakhstan	10	17.0	3	13
70.	Kenya	10	24.0	4	14
71.	Kuwait	10	2.2	1	11
72.	Kyrgyzstan	10	4.5	1	11
73.	Lao People's Dem. Rep.	10	5.6	2	12
74.	Latvia	10	2.7	1	11
75.	Lebanon	10	2.4	1	11
76.	Lesotho	10	2.1	1	11
77.	Liberia	10	2.8	1	11
78.	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	10	3.9	1	11
79.	Liechtenstein	10	0.3	0	10
80.	Lithuania	10	3.9	1	11
81.	Luxembourg	10	0.4	0	10
82.	Malawi	10	13.9	3	13
83.	Malaysia	10	22.7	4	14
84.	Maldives	10	0.35	0	10
85.	Mali	10	8.0	2	12
86.	Malta	10	0.3	0	10
87.	Mauritania	10	3.1	1	11
88.	Mauritius	10	1.02	1	11
89.	Mexico	10	104.0	10	20
90.	Monaco	10	0.03	0	10
91.	Mongolia	10	2.0	1	11
92.	Montenegro	10	0.62	0	10
93.	Morocco	10	26.5	4	14
94.	Mozambique	10	12.1	3	13
95.	Namibia	10	1.5	1	11
96.	Nepal	10	22.9	4	14
97.	Netherlands	10	15.3	3	13
98.	New Zealand	10	3.3	1	11
99.	Nicaragua	10	5.1	2	12
100.	Nigeria	10	111.7	10	20
101.	Norway	10	4.3	1	11

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102.	Oman	10	2.5	1	11
103.	Pakistan	10	160.9	11	21
104.	Palau	10	0.02	0	10
105.	Palestine	10	3.9	1	11
106.	Panama	10	1.7	1	11
107.	Papua New Guinea	10	3.0	1	11
108.	Paraguay	10	5.7	2	12
109.	Peru	10	23.0	4	14
110.	Philippines	10	62.1	8	18
111.	Poland	10	38.5	5	15
112.	Portugal	10	10.3	3	13
113.	Qatar	10	0.88	0	10
114.	Republic of Korea	10	45.5	6	16
115.	Republic of Moldova	10	4.3	1	11
116.	Romania	10	23.0	4	14
117.	Russian Federation	10	148.8	10	20
118.	Rwanda	10	6.2	2	12
119.	Samoa	10	0.17	0	10
120.	San Marino	10	0.02	0	10
121.	Sao Tome and Principe	10	0.16	0	10
122.	Saudi Arabia	10	16.9	3	13
123.	Senegal	10	7.0	2	12
124.	Serbia	10	9.7	2	12
125.	Seychelles	10	0.08	0	10
126.	Sierra Leone	10	4.9	1	11
127.	Singapore	10	2.9	1	11
128.	Slovakia	10	5.2	2	12
129.	Slovenia	10	1.9	1	11
130.	South Africa	10	40.4	6	16
131.	Spain	10	39.4	5	15
132.	Sri Lanka	10	17.0	3	13
133.	Sudan	10	35.0	5	15
134.	Suriname	10	0.4	0	10
135.	Sweden	10	8.7	2	12
136.	Switzerland	10	6.7	2	12
137.	Syrian Arab Republic	10	12.5	3	13
138.	Tajikistan	10	5.1	2	12
139.	Thailand	10	60.1	8	18
140.	The FYR of Macedonia	10	2.3	1	11
141.	Timor-Leste	10	0.92	0	10
142.	Togo	10	5.4	2	12
143.	Tunisia	10	10.2	3	13
144.	Turkey	10	64.5	8	18
145.	Uganda	10	17.0	3	13
146.	Ukraine	10	50.1	7	17
147.	United Arab Emirates	10	2.5	1	11
148.	United Kingdom	10	60.2	8	18
149.	United Rep. of Tanzania	10	34.4	5	15
150.	Uruguay	10	3.2	1	11
151.	Venezuela	10	18.1	3	13
152.	Viet Nam	10	63.7	8	18
153.	Yemen	10	10.5	3	13
154.	Zambia	10	10.9	3	13
155.	Zimbabwe	10	10.4	3	13