



JOURNAL¹

Sunday, 16 October 2011

Time	Meeting	Place
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians	Congress Room 1 level 2, BERNEXPO <i>(in camera)</i>
9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians	Wankdorf & Belpmoos Rooms Novotel Hotel (1 st floor) <i>(in camera)</i>
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians	Wankdorf & Belpmoos Rooms Novotel Hotel (1 st floor) <i>(in camera)</i>
2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Committee on Middle East Questions	Congress Room 1 level 2, BERNEXPO <i>(in camera)</i>
3.15 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Working Group on the Scale of Contributions	Congress Room 2 level 2, BERNEXPO <i>(in camera)</i>
6.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.	Inaugural Ceremony of the 125 th Assembly in the presence of Ms. Micheline Calmy-Rey, President of the Swiss Confederation	Hall 2.2 level 1, BERNEXPO

*** Address by Mr. Ban Ki-moon ***

*** Secretary-General of the United Nations ***

- ◆ Delegates are kindly requested to wear their badges and show their invitation cards.
- ◆ Delegates are further requested to be seated by 6 p.m. for the musical performance which will precede the ceremony.
- ◆ Interpretation of the ceremony will be provided by the IPU Secretariat in **Arabic, English, French and Spanish.**

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¹ Information as of 15 October, at 6 p.m.

OTHER EVENTS OF THE DAY

2.15 p.m. – 2.45 p.m. **Meeting of the Network of Secretaries and Advisers to Delegations** **Hall 1.1, level 0
BERNEXPO**

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Preview of programme for Monday, 17 October

9 a.m.–11.30 a.m. **Governing Council** **Hall 2.2, level 1
BERNEXPO**

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. **Assembly** **Hall 2.2, level 1
BERNEXPO**
2.30 p.m.–6.30 p.m. Election of the President of the 125th Assembly and vote on emergency item
Debate on emergency item

9 a.m.–1 p.m. & **IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs** **Hall 2.0, level -1
BERNEXPO**
2.30 p.m.– 6.p.m The following events and discussions will take place within this Committee.

9 a.m. – 10.15 a.m. ♦ Hearing with President Jorge Sampaio, United Nations High Representative
for the Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)
Moderator: Senator Dennis Dawson (Canada)

10.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. ♦ Panel discussion on Nuclear weapons - The road to zero
Moderator: Hon. Harry Jenkins, Speaker of Parliament (Australia)
Panellists: Mr. Gareth Evans, Co-Chair of the International Commission
on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament, former
Foreign Minister, and MP (Australia)
Mr. Tibor Tóth, Executive Secretary of the Preparatory
Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty
Organization (CTBTO)
Dr. Rebecca Johnson, Executive Director, Acronym Institute
for Disarmament Diplomacy
Lord Desmond Browne, former Defence Secretary (United
Kingdom)
Dr. Raphael Chegeni, MP (United Rep. of Tanzania),
Co-President of Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation
and Disarmament (PNND) and Secretary General of the Great
Lakes Parliamentary Forum on Peace
Hon. Matt Robson, former Minister for Disarmament and
Arms Control (New Zealand)

2.30 p.m. – 4 p.m. ♦ Parliaments and the Istanbul Programme of Action (IPoA) for the Least
Developed Countries (LDCs)
Keynote address by Mr. Cheick Sidi Diarra, United Nations High
Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing
Countries and Small Island Developing States

4 p.m. – 6 p.m. ♦ Cooperation between the United Nations, parliaments and the IPU
Co-Chairs: Mr. Mélégué Traoré, MP (Burkina Faso)
Ms. Katri Komi, MP (Finland)

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OTHER EVENTS TAKING PLACE DURING THE ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 18 October 2011

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Special event on <i>Reform of the financial markets</i>	Hall 1.1, level 0 BERNEXPO
Moderator:	Mr. Robert Walter, MP (United Kingdom)	
Panellists:	Ambassador Oscar Knapp (Switzerland), Delegate for Trade Agreements, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs Senator Donald Oliver (Canada), Speaker pro tempore of the Senate, Member of the IPU Executive Committee Ms. Yuefen Li, Head, Debt and Development Finance Branch, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)	

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OTHER INFORMATION

- ♦ **List of Delegates:** Delegations have received in their pigeonholes a **Provisional List of Delegates**. On Monday, 17 October, in the afternoon, delegations are kindly requested to collect from the Registration Desk a document containing information relating to the composition of their delegation. In order to ensure the accuracy of the final List of Delegates, delegations are kindly requested to report any changes to be made, by indicating them on the above-mentioned document, which should be signed by the head of delegation and returned to Ms. Marina Filippin at the Registration Desk, **before 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 18 October**. The final List of Delegates will be distributed in the pigeonholes of all delegations during Wednesday, 19 October.
- ♦ **List of Governing Council members:** Delegations which have not yet done so are requested to inform the **Submission and Control of Documents Service** (IPU Secretariat Area, Hall 1.2, level 1) of the names of their representatives on the Governing Council for the period from the 125th to the 126th Assembly.
- ♦ **Distribution of messages:** The sending of messages through the Registration and Information Desk is a service made available to delegations solely in order to facilitate communications among them on all matters related to the working of the sessions.
Delegations wishing to make known to IPU Members their point of view on **any question other than those related to the working of the sessions** may do so, under their own responsibility, by leaving documentation on tables set aside for this purpose on the first floor of BERNEXPO, behind the Plenary Hall (Hall 2.2).
- ♦ **Distribution of documents:** As usual, working documents will be available to delegates in the various meeting rooms. Delegates will also be able to obtain additional copies from the Document Distribution Service located in Hall 1.2, level 1, BERNEXPO.
- ♦ **Typing and photocopying service for delegates:** In order to facilitate the work of the delegates, a typing and photocopying service will be available from 14 to 19 October 2011. This service is located in the main lobby at BERNEXPO.
- ♦ **Results of the Assembly and related meetings:** All delegations will receive **two** printed copies of the Results of the 125th Assembly. Members of the IPU are also reminded that the **different sections** of the Brochure are accessible from the IPU website (<http://www.ipu.org>) two weeks after the close of the Assembly. In addition, a **complete electronic version** of the Results can be downloaded from the IPU website in PDF format.
- ♦ **Summary records:**
 - **Summary records of the Governing Council and those of the IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs, together with a record of the proceedings of the Standing Committees' panel discussions**, will be forwarded to all IPU Members after the closure of the Assembly. The **summary records of the Assembly** will be posted on the IPU website.

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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED DURING THE 125th ASSEMBLY

PRESIDENT OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

On 19 October 2011, the Governing Council will be required to elect a **new President** to replace Dr. T.-B. Gurirab (Namibia), whose term of office expires at the end of the 189th session of the Governing Council (cf. Article 19 of the Statutes and Rules 6, 7 and 8 of the Rules of the Governing Council).

Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae, may be submitted up to 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 18 October 2011.

To date the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. A. Radi (Morocco);
- Ms. N. Ali Assegaf (Indonesia).

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On 19 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect **seven members** to fill the following seats on the Executive Committee:

African Group	:	Three vacancies [expiry of terms of office of Ms. Z. Drif Bitat (Algeria), Mr. M.C. Nago (Benin) and Mr. T. Toga (Ethiopia)]
Asia-Pacific Group	:	Two vacancies [expiry of terms of office of Mr. Young Chin (Republic of Korea) and Mr. Ngo Quang Xuan (Viet Nam)]
Latin American Group	:	One vacancy [expiry of term of office of Ms. M.A. Saa (Chile)]
Twelve Plus Group	:	One vacancy [expiry of term of office of Mr. R. del Picchia (France)]

Members are reminded that, taking into consideration the composition of the Executive Committee and the vacancies to be filled, at least one woman should be elected on this occasion in order to respect Article 23.2 of the IPU Statutes, which states that at least three members of the Executive Committee must be women.

Candidatures from the corresponding geopolitical groups, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 18 October 2011.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. F.K. Kundi (Pakistan): candidature for the Asia-Pacific Group submitted by the Parliament of Pakistan;
- Ms. I. Passada (Uruguay): candidature for the Latin American Group submitted by the Parliament of Uruguay.

SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

On 19 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect:

- **One titular member** to replace Ms. R. Green (Mexico), whose term of office expires at the 189th session of the Governing Council;
- **Three substitute members** to replace: Ms. A. Boumediene Thiery (France), who is no longer a member of parliament; Ms. E. Obeng Dappah (Ghana), whose term of office expires at the 189th session of the Governing Council; and Mr. B. Barovič (Slovenia), who was elected titular member at the 188th session of the Governing Council.

Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 18 October 2011.

To date the following candidature has been received:

- Mr. J.P. Letelier (Chile), for the post of titular member for the GRULAC region (currently substitute member).

Committee on Middle East Questions

On 19 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect:

- **Two titular members** to replace Ms. A. Clwyd (United Kingdom), whose term of office expires at the 189th session of the Governing Council, and to fill one vacancy that was not filled at the 188th session of the Governing Council;
- **One substitute member** for the vacancy that was not filled at the 188th session of the Governing Council.

Members are reminded that the Governing Council has directed that no more than four of the seven members should be of the same gender. As the Committee currently includes four male titular members, the two vacancies for titular member should be filled by women candidates.

Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 18 October 2011.

To date the following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. S.E. Rajab (Bahrain): candidature as titular member submitted by the Council of Representatives of Bahrain;*
- Ms. M.A. Cristi Marfil (Chile): candidature as titular member submitted by the Chilean Inter-Parliamentary Group;*
- Ms. F. Ajorlou (Islamic Rep. of Iran): candidature as titular member submitted by the Iranian Inter-Parliamentary Group.*

Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

On 19 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect:

- One substitute member** to replace Mr. A. Kurt (Turkey), who is no longer a member of parliament; the term of office is four years.

Candidatures from the corresponding geopolitical group, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 18 October 2011.

To date, no candidatures have been received.

Group of Facilitators for Cyprus

On 19 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect **one facilitator**, following the appointment of Mr. B. Rae (Canada) to senior posts within his political party and which has led to his resignation from the Group.

Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 18 October 2011.

To date, no candidatures have been received.

APPOINTMENT OF TWO INTERNAL AUDITORS FOR THE 2012 ACCOUNTS

On 19 October, the Governing Council will appoint **two Internal Auditors** for the 2012 fiscal year. They will report in spring 2013. Parliamentarians interested in submitting their candidature for this position should preferably have prior experience either in a parliamentary finance or audit committee.

Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae (one page maximum), may be submitted up to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 18 October 2011.

To date, no candidatures have been received.

**Any candidatures may be submitted to the
Submission and Control of Documents Service
IPU Secretariat Area, Hall 1.2, level 1, BERNEXPO**

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OFFICIAL RECEPTION

8 p.m.

Reception for all delegates, hosted by the Swiss Parliament

Federal Parliament

- ◆ Delegates are kindly requested to wear their badges and show their invitation cards.

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