Inter-Parliamentary Union 125th Assembly and related meetings Bern, Switzerland 16–19 October 2011



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JOURNAL¹ Wednesday, 19 October 2011

Time	Meeting	Place
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Governing Council At this sitting, the Governing Council will continue its examination of the	Hall 2.2, level 1 BERNEXPO
	 items remaining on its agenda, including: Debate and adoption of the programme and budget for 2012 Cooperation with the UN system Strategy for the IPU 2012-2017 	
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs	Hall 2.0, level -1
9 a.m.–11.30 a.m.	 Panel discussion on The green economy: A breakthrough for sustainable development? 	BERNEXPO
	Moderator: Mr. Hugo Napoleão, MP (Brazil)	
	Panellists: Mr. Georgios Kostakos, Deputy Executive Secretary, UN Secretary-General's High-level Panel on Global Sustainability	
	Mr. Farooq Ullah, Head of Policy and Advocacy, Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future	
	Mr. Sheng Fulai, Head, Research and Partnerships Unit, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	
	Senator Helen Esuene, Senate Committee on Environment (Nigeria)	
	Mr. Bertrand Piccard, Chairman, Solar Impulse (Switzerland)	
	Mr. Oliver Greenfield, Convener, Green Economy Coalition	
11.45 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	 State of play of preparations for the forthcoming session of the UN Climate Change Conference 	
	Chair: Mr. Cedric Frolick, MP (South Africa)	
	Adoption of the Committee's report	

¹ Information as of 18 October, at 6 p.m.

2.30 p.m. – 4 p.m. Governing Council At this sitting, the Governing Council will complete its consideration of the remaining items on its agenda. It will hold the following elections:

Election of the President of the IPU
Election of seven members to the Executive Committee
Election of one titular member and three substitute members to the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians
Election of two titular members and one substitute member to the Committee on Middle East Questions
Election of one substitute member to the Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law
Election of one facilitator to the Group of Facilitators for Cyprus

- Appointment of two Internal Auditors for the 2012 accounts

4 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. Assembly

- Item 4: Report of the IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs
- Item 5: Amendments to the Statutes and Rules of the IPU
- Item 6 (emergency item): Adoption of the draft resolution submitted by the drafting committee:

"The plight of the people of famine-stricken Somalia and relief efforts by IPU Member Parliaments"

Rapporteur: Ms. S. Tioulong (Cambodia)

Closure of the Assembly

OTHER INFORMATION

IMPORTANT

Delegates attending the three IPU meetings being held at BERNEXPO on 20 October 2011 are kindly requested to keep their Assembly badges.

- Final List of Delegates: The final List of Delegates will be distributed in the pigeonholes of all delegations during today, 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.

Hall 2.2, 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 of 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 on 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.

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).

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.

The following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. R. Kadaga (Uganda): candidature submitted by the African Group;
- Ms. N. Motsamai (Lesotho): candidature submitted by the African Group;
- Ms. A. Kabore Koala (Burkina Faso): candidature submitted by the African Group;
- Mr. F.K. Kundi (Pakistan): candidature for the Asia-Pacific Group submitted by the Parliament of Pakistan;

- Mr. F.M. Drilon (Philippines): candidature for the Asia-Pacific Group submitted by the candidate himself;

- Ms. I. Passada (Uruguay): candidature for the Latin American Group submitted by the Parliament of Uruguay;

– Mr. J. Winkler (Germany): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

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. *The following candidatures have been received:*

- Mr. J.P. Letelier (Chile), for the post of titular member for the GRULAC region (currently substitute member);
- Ms. A. Clywd (United Kingdom): candidature as substitute member submitted by the Twelve Plus Group;
- Mr. P. Martin-Lalande (France): candidature as substitute member submitted by the Twelve Plus Group;
- Mr. U. Nilsson (Sweden): candidature as substitute member submitted by the Twelve Plus Group;
- Ms. A.J. Kairuki (United Rep. of Tanzania): candidature as substitute member submitted by the Tanzanian Inter-Parliamentary Group.

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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.

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;
- Ms. M. Green (Sweden): candidature as titular member submitted by the Twelve Plus Group;

- Lord Judd (United Kingdom): candidature as substitute member submitted by the Twelve Plus 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.

The following candidature has been received:

- Ms. U. Karlsson (Sweden): candidature as substitute member submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

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, which has led to his resignation from the Group.

The following candidature has been received:

- Ms. R.M. Albernaz (Portugal): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

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.

The following candidature has been received:

– Mr. M. Sheetrit (Israel): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

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OFFICIAL RECEPTION

5.30 p.m.

Cocktail for all participants, courtesy of the Ugandan Parliament, host of the 126th Assembly in Kampala

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