

INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION 126<sup>th</sup> Assembly and related meetings Kampala (Uganda), 31 March – 5 April 2012



No. 2

## **JOURNAL<sup>1</sup>** Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012

Time	Meeting	Place	
8 a.m. – 9 a.m.	<b>Assembly Steering Committee</b> The Steering Committee is composed of the President of the Assembly, the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Vice-President of the Executive Committee, as well as the Presidents of the Standing Committees who may take part in an advisory capacity; it is assisted by the IPU Secretary General.	VIP Lounge KSCC (ground floor) (in camera)	
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Governing Council	Victoria Hall KSCC (ground floor)	
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	First Standing Committee - Peace and International Security	Primrose Hall	
·	<ul> <li>Item 4: Promoting and practising good governance as a means of advancing peace and security: Drawing lessons from recent events in the Middle East and North Africa</li> </ul>	Imperial Royale Hote (ground flooi	
	<ul> <li>Presentation of the report of the Rapporteurs</li> <li>Debate</li> </ul>		
10 a.m. – 12 noon	Assembly	Victoria Hall	
	<ul> <li>Item 1: Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the 126<sup>th</sup> Assembly</li> </ul>	KSCC (ground floor)	
	• <b>Item 3:</b> General Debate on the political, economic and social situation in the world with the overall theme of <i>Parliaments and people: Bridging the gap</i> (A <b>list of speakers</b> is available for this debate.)		
12 noon – 1 p.m.	• Open debate with Mr. Anthony Lake, Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Information as of 31 March, at 6 p.m.

2 p.m. – 3 p.m.	<ul> <li>First Standing Committee – Peace and International Security</li> <li>Item 4: Promoting and practising good governance as a means of advancing peace and security: Drawing lessons from recent events in the Middle East and North Africa</li> <li>Continuation of debate <u>or</u> start of drafting committee</li> </ul>	Primrose Hall Imperial Royale Hotel (ground floor) <u>Or</u> Scarlet Hall (same floor)	
	- Continuation of debate <u>or</u> start of dratting commutee	(in camera)	
2.30 p.m.–6.30 p.m.	Assembly	Victoria Hall	
	• <b>Item 3:</b> General Debate on the political, economic and social situation in the world with the overall theme of <i>Parliaments and people: Bridging the gap</i> (continued)	KSCC (ground floor)	
4.30 p.m.	• Item 2: Consideration of requests for the inclusion of an emergency item in the agenda of the Assembly (see list in document A/126/2-Inf.1)		
	Time permitting, continuation of the General Debate		
2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians	VIP Meeting Room KSCC (ground floor) (in camera)	
3.30 p.m.–6.30 p.m.	Third Standing Committee – Democracy and Human Rights	Primrose Hall Imperial Royale Hotel	
	<ul> <li>Item 6: Access to health as a basic right: The role of parliaments in addressing key challenges to securing the health of women and children</li> <li>Presentation of the report of the Rapporteurs</li> <li>Debate</li> </ul>	(ground floor)	
3.30 p.m.–6.30 p.m.	Drafting Committee : Item 4 (First Standing Committee – Peace and International Security) – Start or continuation of drafting committee	Scarlet Hall Imperial Royale Hotel (ground floor) (in camera)	

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	Preview of programme for Monday, 2 April	
9 a.m. – 12 noon & 2.30 – 6.30 p.m.	<b>Assembly</b> Continuation of general debate	Victoria Hall KSCC (ground floor)
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	<b>Third Standing Committee</b> Continuation of debate	Primrose Hall Imperial Royale Hotel (ground floor)
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>First Standing Committee</b> Continuation and end of drafting committee	Scarlet Hall Imperial Royale Hotel (ground floor) (in camera)
9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. & 2.30 – 6.30 p.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians	VIP Meeting Room KSCC (ground floor) (in camera)
9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Group of Facilitators for Cyprus	Achwa Room KSCC (first floor) (in camera)
11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. & 2.30 – 6.30 p.m.	<b>Second Standing Committee</b> Presentation of the report and start of debate	Primrose Hall Imperial Royale Hotel (ground floor)
12 noon – 1 p.m.	Launch of the Global Parliamentary Report	Victoria Hall KSCC (ground floor)
2 p.m. – 6 p.m.	HIV/AIDS Advisory Group	Anemone Hall Imperial Royale Hotel (ground floor)
2.30 – 6.30 p.m.	Drafting committee on the emergency item	Achwa Room KSCC (first floor) (in camera)

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### Monday, 2 April 2012

#### 12 noon – 1 p.m. Launch of the Global Parliamentary Report

The Global Parliamentary Report will be launched during a special session of the Assembly. The Report investigates the state of relations between parliaments and citizens. It analyses the challenges and parliamentary responses, and provides examples of good practice. Following a presentation of the Report's conclusions, delegates will be invited to take part in an interactive debate on ways to modernize parliament and renew the relationship with citizens. The Report is a joint publication of the IPU and UNDP. The lead author, Mr. Greg Power, will lead informal discussions with delegates on the Report's themes throughout the Assembly.

### Tuesday, 3 April 2012

#### Panel discussion on Tackling malnutrition in young children: The 9 a.m. – 12 noon Gardenia Hall role of parliamentarians **Imperial Royale Hotel** (ground floor) Child malnutrition is a hidden crisis that threatens to reverse development gains. There are however effective and efficient ways to address this crisis. The cost of intervention is small; the payoff is large; and the MDGs will not be met unless this crisis is tackled. The aims of this IPU–UNICEF panel are to inform legislators on the ways of combating malnutrition in young children and pregnant women, and to facilitate an exchange of views on what parliaments and their members can do to promote progress in this area. Particular attention needs to be paid to policies for improving mother and child nutrition; their integration in national development plans; and the provision of essential supplies, food and training for community workers involved in child nutrition and health care. Panellists include members of parliament, representatives of civil society as well as UNICEF representatives. Achwa Room 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. **Renewing the IPU website: Focus group for parliamentarians** Work to rebuild the IPU website will begin in 2012. To make it as useful **KSCC** as possible, the IPU Secretariat wishes to hear from parliamentarians (first floor) about the kind of information they need from the IPU. The focus group will be an open, informal discussion, led by the IPU's Director of Communications. The focus group will be held in English. Address by His Excellency Mr. Edward Kiwanuka Ssekandi, Victoria Hall 11 a.m.

Victoria Hall

**KSCC** 

(ground floor)

Vice-President of the Republic of Uganda, to the Assembly KSCC (ground floor)

OTHER EVENTS OF THE WEEK

## 12.30 – 2.30 p.m. Informal panel discussion on Disaster risk reduction and sustainable development

Countries are recognizing more and more that disaster risk reduction is crucial to sustainable development. Increased commitment to and action on disaster risk reduction will accelerate development, protect investments and reduce poverty. In response, the IPU, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs have been working together to develop a "Model Act" based on the internationally accepted "Guidelines for the Domestic Facilitation and Regulation of International Disaster Relief and Initial Recovery Assistance".

The panel discussion will offer the opportunity to share views and experiences on the linkages between disasters, development and risk reduction. It will also offer MPs the opportunity to learn more about the Model Act and the Global Resilient City Campaign.

The event is open to all delegates. Interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish.

# 3 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. Panel discussion on Making the law work for the response to AIDS: zero new infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths

Today, progress against AIDS is picking up pace thanks to the bold and committed actions of political leaders, scientists and affected persons. Infection rates are dropping across the world, and antiretroviral treatment has been proven not only to save lives, but also to reduce infectiousness by 96 per cent.

However, laws themselves have not always kept pace with scientific or political developments. As a result, many countries still have laws, regulations or policies that present obstacles to effective HIV prevention, treatment, care and support. From a global perspective, recognition of the critical relevance of the law with regard to HIV has led to a growing commitment by States to ensure that laws, policies and regulations support effective AIDS responses.

The panel discussion will focus on the successes and challenges in making laws work for the AIDS response, reflecting on how they can combat discrimination and ease access to HIV prevention and treatment. The IPU-UNAIDS event is open to all delegates. Interpretation will be

provided in Arabic, English, French and Spanish.

# 3.30 – 5.30 p.m. Open briefing session of the Committee to promote respect for international humanitarian law on *Health care in situations of conflict and violence*

Violence against health-care workers, facilities and beneficiaries is one of the most serious humanitarian challenges in the world today. And yet it frequently goes unrecognized. Tangible solutions exist; others need to be devised.

The session will bring together experts from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), as well as MPs, to discuss ways and means of protecting health care in situations of conflict and violence. It will pay particular attention to the role of parliaments in adopting laws and overseeing their enforcement as a mechanism to secure the provision of health care.

#### Gardenia Hall Imperial Royale Hotel (ground floor)

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> Achwa Room KSCC (first floor)

Gardenia Hall

(ground floor)

#### Wednesday, 4 April 2012

9.30 a.m. – 12 noon Parliamentary oversight of government external loans and related processes **Imperial Royale Hotel** 

> Workshop and launch of a joint global survey report (IPU, World Bank and IMF)

> Parliamentary oversight of loan agreements and related processes helps enhance national ownership of development and is an important element of the aid effectiveness agenda. The loans that governments contract with the World Bank and IMF often come with conditions attached that must then be taken up by parliaments through the legislative process.

> This interactive workshop will discuss the findings of a new global survey that investigates the extent to which parliaments possess a proper legal authority to ratify loans, as well as effective practices to oversee loan approval and related processes. The survey was conducted in 2011 as a joint initiative of the IPU, the World Bank and the IMF, and involved some 100 parliaments in developing countries and transition economies. It presents data never collected before and provides a first baseline to measure future progress in parliamentary oversight of these important processes.

Renewing the IPU website: Focus group for IPU Group Secretaries Achwa Room 12 noon – 1 p.m. Work to rebuild the IPU website will begin in 2012. To make it as useful as possible, the IPU Secretariat wishes to hear from IPU Group (first floor) Secretaries about how they use the IPU website and the kind of information they need from the IPU. The focus group will be an open, informal discussion, led by the IPU's Director of Communications. The focus group will be held in English.

#### Thursday, 5 April 2012

10.30 - 12.30 p.m. Informal meeting of young parliamentarians The meeting aims to discuss follow-up to the IPU resolution on Youth participation in the democratic process (2010). It will focus on the "youth" contribution to politics and to the IPU.

Achwa Room KSCC (first floor)

KSCC



**Procedure for the registration of speakers for the General Debate:** Speakers registering after the drawing of lots, which took place on Saturday, 31 March, at 6 p.m., will be added to the list in the order in which they have registered, until the Assembly closes the list of speakers. A revised list containing such additions will be made available in the meeting room, at the Document Distribution Service (foyer, ground floor, to the right of the main entrance to Victoria Hall) and at the Registration and Information Service (marquee in front of the main entrance of the KSCC). Delegates are reminded that, in conformity with Rule 22.1 of the Rules of the Assembly, every IPU Member delegation shall be entitled to eight minutes' speaking time and every observer to five minutes'.

#### **Standing Committees**

#### Speaking time $\triangleright$

Delegates may speak for a maximum of four minutes at a time. There will be no speakers' list.

Submission of sub-amendments to the draft resolutions  $\geq$ 

Delegations may submit sub-amendments to the Submission and Control of Documents Service (IPU Secretariat Area, Katonga Hall, first floor, KSCC) until such time as the Standing Committees adopt their draft resolution intended for the Assembly.

- **Proposals for subject items:** Delegates are kindly requested to submit their proposals for the agenda of the 128<sup>th</sup> Assembly to the Submission and Control of Documents Service as soon as possible, and **not later than 5 p.m. on Monday, 2 April**, to allow the Bureaux of the Standing Committees to consider them at the start of their work.
- List of Delegates: Delegations have received in their pigeonholes a Provisional List of Delegates. Delegations are kindly requested to collect from the Registration and Information Service (marquee in front of the main entrance of the KSCC), today, Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> April, 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 and Information Service, before 6 p.m. on Monday, 2 April. The final List of Delegates will be distributed in the pigeonholes of all delegations during Wednesday, 4 April.
- **Distribution of messages:** The sending of messages through the Information Desk is a service made available to delegations solely in order to facilitate communications among them on all matters relating to the working of the sittings.

Delegations wishing to make known to the Members of the Union their point of view **on any question other than those relating to the working of the sittings** may do so, **under their own responsibility**, by leaving documentation on tables set aside for this purpose in the Victoria Gallery Lobby on the first floor of the KSCC.

- **Distribution of documents:** As usual, working documents will be made available to delegates in the various meeting rooms. Delegates will be able to obtain additional copies from the Document Distribution Service (foyer, ground floor, to the right of the main entrance to Victoria Hall).
- **Results of the Assembly and related meetings:** All delegations will receive **two** printed copies of the Results of the 126<sup>th</sup> Assembly. IPU Members 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 may be downloaded from the IPU website in PDF format.
- Summary records:
  - Summary records of the Assembly and of the Standing Committees will be made available to all IPU Members no later than four months after the closure of the Assembly.
  - Summary records of the Governing Council will be made available to all IPU Members after the Assembly.



#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

On 5 April 2012, the Governing Council will be required to elect **one member**, as follows:

**Twelve-Plus Group** : One vacancy to replace Ms. D. Stump (Switzerland), who is no longer a member of parliament and whose term would have ended in October 2013.

In accordance with Article 23.6 of the Statutes, if a member of the Executive Committee ceases to be a parliamentarian, the Member of the Union concerned shall appoint a substitute to serve until the next session of the Governing Council, when an election shall be held. If the newly elected member is from a different parliament than the outgoing member, he/she will serve a full term. Otherwise, the new member shall complete the term of office of his/her predecessor (in this case until October 2013).

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

#### Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians

The 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Women Parliamentarians will be called upon to renew half of the membership of its Coordinating Committee, and to replace those titular and substitute regional representatives whose terms of office expire in April 2012 and those members of parliament who have lost their seats.

Posts to be filled include:

- **One titular and one substitute regional representative** per geopolitical group, for a four-year term of office;
- One titular regional representative for **GRULAC** to fill the seat left vacant (end of term: April 2014);
- One substitute regional representative for the **Arab Group** and **Eurasia Group**, respectively, to fill seats left vacant (end of term: April 2014).

According to the Rules of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians, a retiring member of the Coordinating Committee shall not be eligible for re-election for two years.

The Meeting of Women Parliamentarians will hold elections to the Coordinating Committee on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>4 April 2012</u>.

Geopolitical groups are requested to submit candidatures in writing by <u>6 p.m. on Monday, 2 April 2012</u>, to the Gender Partnership Programme (Ms. Z. Hilal). Candidatures should be accompanied by a signed covering letter from the geopolitical group and a brief curriculum vitae (three paragraphs maximum) in English and/or French, for distribution to participants.

To date, no candidatures have been received.

#### Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

On 5 April, the Governing Council will be required to elect:

- Two titular members to replace Mr. P. Mahoux (Belgium), whose term of office expires at the 190<sup>th</sup> session of the Governing Council; and Mr. B. Barovic (Slovenia), who is no longer a member of parliament;
- One substitute member to replace Mr. J.P. Letelier (Chile), who was elected titular member at the 189<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>9 a.m. on Wednesday</u>, <u>4 April 2012</u>.

To date, no candidatures have been received.

#### Committee on Middle East Questions

On 5 April, the Governing Council will be required to elect **one substitute member** to replace Mr. H. Alir (Turkey), whose term of office expires at the 190<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>9 a.m. on Wednesday, 4 April 2012</u>.

To date, no candidatures have been received.

#### Committee to promote respect for international humanitarian law

On 5 April, the Governing Council will be required to elect:

- Three titular members to replace Mr. S. Gavrilov (Russian Federation) and Mr. J.C. Romero (Argentina), whose terms of office expire at the 190<sup>th</sup> session of the Governing Council; and Ms. B. Gadient (Switzerland), who is no longer a member of parliament;
- Four substitute members to replace Mr. J.J. Mwiimbu (Zambia), Ms. M. Osman Gaknoun (Sudan), Ms. B. Gohar (Pakistan), and Ms. E. Arguedas (Costa Rica), whose terms of office expire at the 190<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>9 a.m. on Wednesday</u>, <u>4 April 2012</u>.

To date, no candidatures have been received.

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX**

#### First Standing Committee (Peace and International Security)

Apart from one vacancy of titular member representing the African Group, all present members of the Bureau of the First Standing Committee are eligible for re-election.

		Expiry of term <sup>*</sup>		Expiry of term <sup>*</sup>
President:	Mr. S.H. Chowdury (Bangladesh)	April 2014	Asia-Pacific Group	
First Vice-President:	Mr. H. Quiroga (Argentina)	April 2015	Latin American Group	
Vice-Presidents:	TITULAR		SUBSTITUTE	
African Group	Vacancy		Mr. A. Bougue (Cameroon)	April 2015
Arab Group	Ms. L. Bennani-Smires (Morocco)	April 2014	Ms. N. Rousan (Jordan)	April 2015
Asia-Pacific Group	Current President		Mr. S. Danusubroto (Indonesia)	April 2015
Eurasia Group	Ms. N. Mazai (Belarus)	April 2014	Mr. V. Nefedov (Russian Fed.)	April 2014
Latin American Group	Current First Vice-President		Mr. O.S. Reyes (El Salvador)	April 2015
Twelve Plus Group	Mr. P. Moriau (Belgium)	April 2015	Mr. N. Evans (United Kingdom)	April 2015

Candidatures from the African Group (titular) may be submitted up to the time of the elections, which will take place on Tuesday, 3 April 2012, at the last sitting of the Committee.

To date, no candidatures have been received.

#### Second Standing Committee (Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade)

Apart from two vacancies - one titular member representing the African Group and one substitute member representing the Eurasia Group – all present members of the Bureau of the Second Standing Committee are eligible for re-election.

		Expiry of term <sup>*</sup>		Expiry of term <sup>*</sup>
President:	Mr. S.E. Alhusseini (Saudi Arabia)	April 2013	Arab Group	
First Vice-President:	Ms. B. Contini (Italy)	April 2015	Twelve Plus Group	
Vice-Presidents:	TITULAR		SUBSTITUTE	
African Group	Vacancy		Mr. H.R. Mohamed (United Republic of Tanzania)	April 2015
Arab Group	Current President		Mr. W. Rawashdeh (Jordan)	April 2015
Asia-Pacific Group	Mr. I.A. Bilour (Pakistan)	April 2015	Mr. D. Adams (Australia)	April 2015
Eurasia Group	Mr. BZ. Zhambalnimbuyev (Russian Federation)	April 2015	Vacancy	
Latin American Grou	p Mr. R. Léon (Chile)	April 2015	Mr. F. Bustamente (Ecuador)	April 2015
Twelve Plus Group	Current First Vice-President		Mr. FX. de Donnea (Belgium)	April 2015

Candidatures from the African Group (titular) and Eurasia Group (substitute) may be submitted up to the time of the elections, which will take place on Wednesday, 4 April 2012, at the last sitting of the Committee. To date, no candidatures have been received.

<sup>\*</sup> The date indicated corresponds to the theoretical maximum duration of the Officer's term. In accordance with Rules 7.2 and 8.1 of the Rules of the Standing Committees, Officers shall be elected or re-elected on an annual basis, for a maximum of four years.

#### Third Standing Committee (Democracy and Human Rights)

Apart from **one vacancy** of titular member representing the Eurasia Group, all present members of the Bureau of the Third Standing Committee are eligible for re-election.

		Expiry of term <sup>*</sup>		Expiry of term <sup>*</sup>
President:	Mr. O. Kyei-Mensah-Bonsu (Ghana)	April 2014	African Group	
First Vice-President:	Vacancy		Eurasia Group	
Vice-Presidents:	TITULAR		S U B S T I T U T E	
African Group	Current President		Ms. P. Fouty-Soungou (Congo)	April 2014
Arab Group	Ms. J. Nassif (Bahrain)	April 2015	Mr. R. Abdul-Jabbar (Iraq)	April 2015
Asia-Pacific Group	Mr. S.S. Ahluwalia (India)	April 2014	Mr. R. Fatyana (Pakistan)	April 2015
Eurasia Group	Vacancy		Mr. S. Gavrilov (Russian Fed.)	April 2014
Latin American Group	Mr. J.M. Galán (Colombia)	April 2015	Ms. C. Chacón (Peru)	April 2015
Twelve Plus Group	Mr. E. Francu (Romania)	April 2015	Mr. J. Winkler (Germany)	April 2014

Candidatures from the <u>Eurasia Group</u> (titular) may be submitted up to the time of the elections, which will take place on <u>Wednesday, 4 April 2012</u>, at the last sitting of the Committee.

To date, no candidatures have been received.

#### ADVISORY GROUP OF THE IPU COMMITTEE ON UNITED NATIONS AFFAIRS

There are currently eight vacancies in the Advisory Group:

- **Two members from the African Group** to replace Ms. S. Sani (Nigeria) and Mr. T. Toga (Ethiopia), who are no longer members of parliament;
- One member from the Arab Group to replace Mr. M. El Feki (Egypt), who is no longer a member of parliament;
- One member from the Eurasia Group to fill a position that has been vacant for the past year;
- One member from GRULAC to replace Mr. M. Maia (Brazil), who has not participated in any Advisory Group activities over the past year;
- Three members from the Twelve Plus Group to replace Mr. L. Fraga (Spain) and Ms. M. Lugaric (Croatia) who are no longer members of parliament, as well as Mr. N. Treacy (Ireland) who has not participated in any Advisory Group activities over the past year.

Given the nature of the work conducted by the Advisory Group, geopolitical groups are encouraged to designate representatives that have a strong background and experience in United Nations operations at both the national and international levels. It is also important for candidates to have a good command of one of the IPU's two working languages – English and French.

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 <u>12 noon on Tuesday, 3 April 2012.</u>

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. S. Derradji (Algeria): candidature submitted by the African Group;
- Mr. J.C. Mahía (Uruguay): candidature submitted by the Uruguayan Inter-Parliamentary Group.

Any candidatures may be submitted to the \*\*\* Office of Submission and Control of Documents \*\*\* IPU Secretariat Area, Katonga Hall, KSCC (first floor)



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• Delegates are kindly requested to wear their badges and show the appropriate invitation.

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