## JOURNAL ${ }^{1}$ <br> Tuesday, 3 April 2012

Time $\quad$ Meeting
Place

9 a.m. - 12 noon

## Panel discussion on Tackling malnutrition in young children: The role of parliamentarians

Child malnutrition is a hidden crisis that threatens to reverse
(ground floor) 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.

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Drafting committee: Item 5
(Second Standing Committee -
Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade)
Nile Room
KSCC
(first floor)

- Composition: Australia, Burkina Faso, Chad, Ecuador, India, Italy, Mexico, Oman, Philippines, Sudan, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania
- Start of drafting committee

| 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Drafting committee: Item 6 <br> (Third Standing Committee - <br> Democracy and Human Rights) <br> - Composition: Australia, Bahrain, Belgium, Chad, Kenya, Sweden, Uganda, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Venezuela <br> - Start of drafting committee |
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[^0]| 9.30-11 a.m. | Meeting of the Bureau of the First Standing Committee <br> Authors of proposals for subject items for the Committee will have the <br> opportunity to make a brief (3- to 4-minute) presentation before the <br> Bureau members at the start of the meeting. |
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| 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. | Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians |

### 2.30-3.30 p.m. Committee to promote respect for international humanitarian law

Scarlet Hall
Imperial Royale Hotel
(ground floor)
(in camera)

VIP Meeting Room
KSCC
(ground floor)
(in camera)

## Gardenia Hall <br> Imperial Royale Hotel <br> (ground floor)

KSCC
(first floor)
(in camera)

Addis Room
KSCC (first floor)
(in camera)

Nile Room
KSCC
(first floor)
(in camera)

- Composition: Australia, Burkina Faso, Chad, Ecuador, India, Italy, Mexico, Oman, Philippines, Sudan, United Kingdom, United Republic of Tanzania
- Continuation and end of drafting committee

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.
3.30 - 6.30 p.m. First Standing Committee -

Peace and International Security
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

- Election of the Bureau in accordance with Rule 7.2 of the Rules of the Standing Committees
- Adoption of the draft resolution
- Adoption of the new subject item to be taken up by the Committee

Gardenia Hall Imperial Royale Hotel (ground floor)

Achwa Room KSCC (first floor)

## Primrose Hall Imperial Royale Hotel <br> (ground floor)

Addis Room
KSCC
(first floor)
(in camera)

## Preview of programme for Wednesday, 4 April

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
$\& 2.30-4.30$ p.m.
9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { 9a.m. - } 11 \text { a.m. } & \text { Third Standing Committee } \\ & \text { Adoption of the draft resolution }\end{array}$

| 9.30 a.m. - | Parliamentary oversight of government external loans |
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| and related processes |  |
| Woon | Workshop and launch of a joint global survey report <br> (IPU, World Bank and IMF) |

10 a.m. -12 noon $\quad$ Executive Committee
11.30 a.m.-
12.30 p.m.
2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Meeting of Women Parliamentarians
2 p.m. - 5 p.m. $\quad$ Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians
$2.30-4.30$ p.m. Advisory Group of the IPU Committee on UN Affairs

3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { 4.30-6.30 p.m. } & \text { Second Standing Committee } \\ & \text { Adoption of the draft resolution }\end{array}$
5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Committee on Middle East Questions

Victoria Hall KSCC (ground floor)

Achwa Room KSCC (first floor) (in camera)

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

Achwa Room
KSCC (first floor)
(in camera)

Nile Room
KSCC (first floor)
(in camera)

Primrose Hall Imperial Royale Hotel (ground floor)

VIP Meeting Room KSCC (ground floor)
(in camera)

Achwa Room
KSCC (first floor)
(in camera)

Gardenia Hall Imperial Royale Hotel
(ground floor)
(in camera)

Victoria Hall
KSCC (ground floor)
Achwa Room
KSCC (first floor)
(in camera)

## OTHER EVENTS OF THE DAY

| $\mathbf{1 0}$ a.m. - $\mathbf{1 1}$ a.m. | Renewing the IPU website: Focus group for parliamentarians <br> Work to rebuild the IPU website will begin in 2012. To make it as useful <br> as possible, the IPU Secretariat wishes to hear from parliamentarians |
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| 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. |  |

## Achwa Room KSCC (first floor)



Wednesday, 4 April 2012
9.30 a.m. $\mathbf{- 1 2}$ noon Parliamentary oversight of government external loans and related processes
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.

12 noon - 1 p.m. Renewing the IPU website: Focus group for IPU Group Secretaries

## Achwa Room

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 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

Achwa Room
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" KSCC (first floor)

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Final List of Delegates: This list will be distributed in the pigeonholes of all delegations on Wednesday, 4 April.
- Standing Committees
> Speaking time
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
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 drafting committees finalize their draft resolution.
- 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 $126^{\text {th }}$ 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.


## VACANCIES TO BE FILLED DURING THE $126^{\text {th }}$ 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).
To date, the following candidature has been received:

- Mr. P.-F. Veillon (Switzerland): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.


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

## Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians

The $17^{\text {th }}$ 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 (end of term: 2016);
- 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 Wednesday, 4 April 2012.
The following candidatures have been received:
- to replace outgoing members (term of office ending in 2016)

African Group

- Ms. F. Mukakalisa (Rwanda) for the post of titular regional representative;
- Ms. M. Semetta (Mauritania) for the post of substitute regional representative;

Arab Group

- Ms. M. Al Bahar (United Arab Emirates) for the post of titular regional representative;
- Ms. A. Talebani (Iraq) for the post of substitute regional representative;

Asia-Pacific Group

- Ms. E. Abdulla (Maldives) for the post of titular regional representative;
- Ms. D. Aziz (Pakistan) for the post of substitute regional representative;

Eurasia Group

- Ms. E. Semenova (Russian Federation) for the post of titular regional representative;

GRULAC

- Ms. S.M. Escudero (Argentina) for the post of substitute regional representative;

Twelve Plus Group

- Ms. U. Karlsson (Sweden) for the post of titular regional representative;
- Ms. M. André (France) for the post of substitute regional representative;
- to fill seats left vacant (term of office ending in 2014)

GRULAC

- Ms. S. Fernández (Ecuador) for the post of titular regional representative;
- Ms. R. Conzález (Cuba) for the post of substitute regional representative;

Arab Group

- Ms. I. Al-Wazir (Palestine) for the post of substitute regional representative.

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 $190^{\text {th }}$ 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 $189^{\text {th }}$ 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 Wednesday, 4 April 2012.
To date, the following candidatures have been received:
- Ms. A. Clywd (United Kingdom): candidature as titular member submitted by the Twelve Plus Group;
- Mr. U. Nilsson (Sweden): candidature as titular member submitted by the Twelve Plus Group;
- Ms. C. Giaccone (Argentina): candidature as substitute member submitted by GRULAC;
- Ms. M. Kiener Nellen (Switzerland): candidature as substitute member submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.


## 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 $190^{\text {th }}$ 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 Wednesday, 4 April 2012.
To date, the following candidature has been received:

- Mr. T. Wickholm (Norway): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.


## 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 $190^{\text {th }}$ 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 $190^{\text {th }}$ 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 Wednesday, 4 April 2012.
To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. F.-X. de Donnea (Belgium): candidature as titular member submitted by the Twelve Plus Group;
- Ms. B. Amongi (Uganda): candidature as substitute member submitted by the candidate herself.


## STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

## First Standing Committee (Peace and International Security)

Apart from three vacancies of titular member for the African Group, Arab Group and GRULAC, all present members of the Bureau of the First Standing Committee are eligible for re-election.

|  |  | Expiry of <br> term |  |  |
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| President: | Mr. S.H. Chowdury <br> (Bangladesh) | April 2014 | Asia-Pacific Group | Expiry of term* |
| First Vice-President: | Vacancy | April 2015 | Latin American Group |  |
| Vice-Presidents: | T I T U L A R |  | S U B S T I T U T E |  |

Candidatures from the three Groups (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, the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. G. Schneeman (South Africa): candidature as titular member submitted by the African Group;
- Mr. O. Benabdallah (Morocco): candidature as titular member submitted by the Arab Group;
- Mr. D. Filmus (Argentina): candidature as titular member submitted by GRULAC.

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

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

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| President: | Mr. S.E. Alhusseini (Saudi Arabia) | April 2013 | Arab Group |  |
| First VicePresident: | 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. B.-Z. Zhambalnimbuyev (Russian Federation) | April 2015 | Vacancy |  |
| Latin American Group | Mr. R. Léon (Chile) | April 2015 | Mr. F. Bustamente (Ecuador) | April 2015 |
| Twelve Plus Group | Current First Vice-President |  | Mr. F.-X. 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, the following candidature has been received:

- Mr. J.J. Mwiimbu (Zambia): candidature as titular member submitted by the African Group.


## Third Standing Committee (Democracy and Human Rights)

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

|  |  | Expiry of term* |  | Expiry of term* |
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| President: | Mr. O. Kyei-Mensah-Bonsu (Ghana) | April 2014 | African Group |  |
| First Vice-President: | Vacancy |  | Eurasia Group |  |
| Vice-Presidents: | TITULAR |  | S U B S TITUTE |  |
| 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 Eurasia Group (titular) 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, the following candidature has been received:

- Mr. S. Gavrilov (Russian Federation): candidature as titular member submitted by the Eurasia Group.

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## 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 12 noon on Tuesday, 3 April 2012.
To date, the following candidatures have been received:
- Mr. S. Derradji (Algeria): candidature submitted by the African Group;
- Mr. A.A. Doguwa (Nigeria): candidature submitted by the African Group;
- Mr. J.C. Mahía (Uruguay): candidature submitted by the Uruguayan Inter-Parliamentary Group and supported by GRULAC;
- Mr. D. Dawson (Canada): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group;
- Mr. P. Martin-Lalande (France): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group;
- Mr. J. Moscoso del Prado (Spain): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

Any candidatures may be submitted to the<br>*** Office of Submission and Control of Documents ${ }^{* * *}$<br>IPU Secretariat Area, Katonga Hall, KSCC (first floor)



## Evening reserved for Embassies and other Diplomatic Missions


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Information as of 2 April, at 6 p.m.

[^1]:    * 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.

[^2]:    * See footnote on previous page.

