

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



No. 5

### JOURNAL<sup>1</sup> Wednesday, 4 April 2012

Time	Meeting	Place
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<ul> <li>Assembly</li> <li>Item 3: 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)</li> </ul>	Victoria Hall KSCC (ground floor)
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Sub-Committee on Finance	Addis Room KSCC (first floor) (in camera)
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Gender Partnership Group	Achwa Room KSCC (first floor) (in camera)
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	<ul> <li>Third Standing Committee – Democracy and Human Rights</li> <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>Election of the Bureau in accordance with Rule 7.2 of the Rules of the Standing Committees</li> <li>Adoption of the draft resolution</li> <li>Adoption of the Committee's subject item for the 128<sup>th</sup> Assembly</li> </ul>	Primrose Hall Imperial Royale Hotel (ground floor)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Information as of 3 April, at 6 p.m.

### 9.30 a.m. – 12 noon

# Parliamentary oversight of government external loans and related processes

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

# 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.

### 10 a.m. - 12 noon

### **Executive Committee**

### Achwa Room KSCC (first floor) (in camera)

## 11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

### Meeting of the Bureau of the Second Standing Committee

### Nile Room KSCC (first floor) (in camera)

Authors of proposals for subject items for the Committee will have the opportunity to make a brief (3- to 4-minute) presentation before the Bureau members at the start of the meeting.

### 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

### **Meeting of Women Parliamentarians**

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

### 2.30 p.m. – 5 p.m. Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

### VIP Meeting Room KSCC (ground floor)

(in camera)

2.30 – 4.30 p.m. Assembly

Victoria Hall

• Item 3: If necessary, continuation and end of General Debate

KSCC (ground floor)

2.30 – 4.30 p.m. Advisory Group of the IPU Committee on UN Affairs

Achwa Room KSCC (first floor)

(in camera)

3 p.m. – 4 p.m. Coordinating Committee of the Meeting of Women

**Parliamentarians** 

Gardenia Hall Imperial Royale Hotel (ground floor)

(in camera)

4 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. Meeting of Women Parliamentarians

Primrose Hall Imperial Royale Hotel (ground floor) 4.30 – 6.30 p.m. Second Standing Committee – Sustainable Development,

**Finance and Trade Item 5:** Redistribution of power, not just wealth: Ownership of the

Victoria Hall KSCC (ground floor)

• 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 Committee's subject item for the 128<sup>th</sup> Assembly

5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Committee on Middle East Questions

international agendas

Achwa Room KSCC (first floor)

(in camera)

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### Preview of programme for Thursday, 5 April

8.30 a.m. – 10 a.m. Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians

Achwa Room KSCC (first floor)

(in camera)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Governing Council and

Victoria Hall

3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

KSCC (ground floor)

10.30 a.m. –

Informal meeting of young parliamentarians

Achwa Room

12.30 p.m.

KSCC (first floor)

4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Assembly

Victoria Hall

KSCC (ground floor)

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### OTHER EVENTS OF THE DAY

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

Achwa Room KSCC (first floor)

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.

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### OTHER EVENTS OF THE WEEK

### Thursday, 5 April 2012

10.30 a.m. – Informal meeting of young parliamentarians

**12.30 p.m.** 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)

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### **OTHER INFORMATION**

After elections, the composition of the Bureau of the <u>First Standing Committee</u> (Peace and International Security) is as follows:

		Expiry of term*		Expiry of term*
President:	Mr. S.H. Chowdhury (Bangladesh)	April 2014	Asia-Pacific Group	
First Vice-President:	Mr. D. Filmus (Argentina)	April 2015	Latin American Group	
Vice-Presidents:	TITULAR		SUBSTITUTE	
African Group	Mr. G. Schneeman (South Africa)	April 2016	Mr. A. Bougue (Cameroon)	April 2015
Arab Group	Mr. N. Lazrek (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. L.E. Sierra Grajales (Colombia)	April 2015
Twelve Plus Group	Mr. P. Moriau (Belgium)	April 2015	Mr. N. Evans (United Kingdom)	April 2015

- Final List of Delegates: This list will be distributed in the pigeonholes of all delegations today, 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.

\* 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.

### **VACANCIES TO BE FILLED DURING THE 126th ASSEMBLY**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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

One vacancy to replace Ms. D. Stump (Switzerland), who is no longer a member **Twelve-Plus Group** 

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 17th 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 today, Wednesday, 4 April 2012.

The following candidatures have been received:

• to replace outgoing members (term of office ending in 2016)

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

- 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;

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. González (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<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 9 a.m. today, 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<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 9 a.m. today, 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<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 9 a.m. today, 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;
- Ms. A. Gómez Franceschi (Costa Rica): candidature as substitute member submitted by GRULAC.

### STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

### <u>Second Standing Committee</u> (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.

		Expiry of term*		Expiry of term*
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 Group	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 <u>African Group</u> (titular) and <u>Eurasia Group</u> (substitute) may be submitted up to the time of the elections, which will take place <u>today</u>, <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>4 April 2012</u>, 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.

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		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		SUBSTITUTE	
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 <u>today</u>, <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>4 April 2012</u>, 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.

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. E. El-Erian (Egypt): candidature submitted by the Arab 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

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IPU Secretariat Area, Katonga Hall, KSCC (first floor)

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### **OFFICIAL RECEPTION**

7 p.m. Cultural evening and dinner hosted by the Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Uganda, Rt. Hon. Rebecca Alitwala Kadaga

Mandela National Stadium (Namboole Stadium)

Delegates are kindly requested to wear their badges.

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