

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



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### Thursday, 5 April 2012

Time	Meeting	Place
8.30 – 10 a.m.	Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians	Achwa Room KSCC (first floor) (in camera)
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Governing Council  The Governing Council will consider the items remaining on its agenda.	Victoria Hall KSCC (ground floor)
3 p.m. – 4 p.m.	<ul> <li>◆ Continuation and end of the session         The Governing Council will hold the following elections:         <ul> <li>Election of one member to the Executive Committee;</li> <li>Election of two titular members and one substitute member to the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians;</li> <li>Election of one substitute member to the Committee on Middle East Questions; and</li> <li>Election of three titular and four substitute members to the</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Victoria Hall KSCC (ground floor)

The documents relating to candidatures submitted before the statutory deadlines are available in the sets of documents distributed to participants at the opening of the sitting as well as at the Document

<sup>1</sup> Information as at 6 p.m. on 4 April.

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#### 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Assembly

## Reports of the Standing Committees and votes on the following draft resolutions:

Victoria Hall KSCC (ground floor)

 Item 8 – Emergency item: Inter-Parliamentary Union initiative for an immediate halt to the bloodshed and human rights violations in Syria, and the need to ensure access to humanitarian aid for all persons in need and to support implementation of all relevant Arab League and United Nations resolutions and peace efforts

Rapporteur: Ms. U. Karlsson (Sweden)

 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

Rapporteur: Mr. L. Ramatlakane (South Africa)

 Item 5: Redistribution of power, not just wealth: Ownership of the international agendas

Rapporteur: Ms. Smriti Zubin Irani (India)

 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

Rapporteur: Ms. P. Turyahikayo (Uganda)

- **Item 7:** Approval of the subject items for the 128<sup>th</sup> Assembly and appointment of the co-Rapporteurs
  - First Standing Committee:

Enforcing the responsibility to protect: The role of parliament in safeguarding civilians' lives

co-Rapporteurs: - Mr. L. Ramatlakane (South Africa)

- to be announced

#### - Second Standing Committee:

Fair trade and innovative financing mechanisms for sustainable development

co-Rapporteurs: - Mr. F.-X. de Donnea (Belgium)

- Mr. R.K. Chitotela (Zambia)

#### Third Standing Committee:

The use of the media, including social media, to enhance citizen engagement and democracy

co-Rapporteurs: - Ms. C. Charlton (Canada)

- Ms. M.T. Kubayi (South Africa)

#### **Closure of the Assembly**

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#### OTHER EVENTS OF THE DAY

10.30 a.m. – Informal meeting of young parliamentarians12.30 p.m. The meeting aims to discuss follow-up to the

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 Bureaux of the three Standing Committees is as follows:

#### **FIRST STANDING COMMITTEE** (Peace and International Security)

		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

#### **SECOND STANDING COMMITTEE** (Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade)

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		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	Mr. J.J. Mwiimbu (Zambia)	April 2016	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

<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)

		Expiry of term*		Expiry of term*
President:	Mr. O. Kyei-Mensah-Bonsu (Ghana)	April 2014	African Group	
First Vice-President:	Mr. S. Gavrilov (Russian Fed.)	April 2016	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	Current First Vice-President		Vacancy	April 2014
Latin American Group	Mr. J.M. Galán (Colombia)	April 2015	Vacancy	April 2015
Twelve Plus Group	Mr. E. Francu (Romania)	April 2015	Mr. J. Winkler (Germany)	April 2014

The new composition of the Advisory Group of the IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs is as follows:

Ms. R. Green (Mexico), President	-	October 2010	(2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
Mr. S. Derradji (Algeria)	-	April 2012	(1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Mr. A.N. Atanasof (Argentina)	-	October 2010	(1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Mr. J. Fitzgibbon (Australia)	-	October 2010	(1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Mr. M. Traoré (Burkina Faso)	-	October 2010	(2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
Mr. D. Dawson (Canada)	-	April 2012	(1st term)
Mr. E. El-Erian (Egypt)	-	April 2012	(1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Ms. K. Komi (Finland)	-	October 2010	(1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Mr. P. Martin-Lalande (France)	-	April 2012	(1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Mr. N.N. Doguwa (Nigeria)	-	April 2012	(1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Mr. F. Naek (Pakistan)	-	October 2010	(2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
Mr. C. Frolick (South Africa)	-	October 2010	(2 <sup>nd</sup> term)
Mr. J. Moscoso del Prado (Spain)	-	April 2012	(1 <sup>st</sup> term)
Mr. J.C. Mahía (Uruguay)	-	April 2012	(1st term)

- **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.

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<sup>\*</sup> See previous footnote.

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#### **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:

**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

#### 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.

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, on the assumption that Ms. Clywd is elected as titular member.

#### 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.

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.

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.

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