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Wednesday, 24 October 2012

Time	Meeting	Place
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Assembly/IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs <i>Special plenary session observing United Nations Day</i> ♦ Debate: <i>Does the UN take democracy seriously enough?</i> ♦ Launch of the handbook <i>Supporting nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament</i>	Room 200 C
9 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.	Committee on Middle East Questions	Room 205 A & B (in camera)
9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Panel session <i>Creating opportunities for youth in today's global economy</i>	Room 200 B
1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	Workshop on new tools to promote nuclear disarmament	Room 2000 C
2 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Governing Council Debate; presentation of reports; adoption of decisions; elections	Room 200 C
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Panel session <i>Building peace after conflict</i>	Room 200 B
3 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Advisory Group of the IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs	Room 205 A & B (in camera)

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¹ Information as at 23 October, at 6 p.m.

Preview of main programme for Thursday, 25 October

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Assembly – Conclusion of Special Debate on <i>Citizenship, identity and linguistic and cultural diversity in a globalized world</i> Sitting introduced by Mr. Knut Vollebaek, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities (Netherlands), Grand Chief Edward John, Chairman, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (Canada), and Ms. Meira Kumar, Speaker of the Lok Sabha of India	Room 200 C
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <i>Rio+20 in perspective: What hope for sustainable development?</i> ◆ Review of the implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples ◆ Finalization and adoption of outcome document 	Room 200 B
9 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Panel session <i>Parliamentary immunity: Benefit or burden?</i>	Room 206 A & B
11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Committee to promote respect for international humanitarian law	Room 205 A & B <i>(in camera)</i>
12.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	Informal panel <i>Parliamentary and political law</i>	Room 2000 C
2.30 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Special Gender Partnership Session (cont'd) (concludes on 26 October) <i>Break-out groups</i> Both men and women parliamentarians are strongly encouraged to attend the Special Session.	Rooms 205 A & B 206 A & B and 207
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Meeting of the drafting committee on the outcome of the Special Debate (Quebec City Declaration)	Room 204 A & B <i>(in camera)</i>
2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Panel discussion <i>Fair trade and innovative financing mechanisms for sustainable development</i> (subject under discussion by the Second Standing Committee)	Room 200 B
5 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Expanded meeting of the Gender Partnership Group Finalization of the <i>Plan of action for gender-sensitive parliaments</i>	Room 205 A & B <i>(in camera)</i>

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OTHER INFORMATION

- ♦ **Quebec City Declaration:**
 - Delegations wishing to propose amendments to the draft are kindly requested to submit them to the Submission and Control of Documents Service (Office 303 B) by noon today, Wednesday, 24 October;
 - Geopolitical groups are kindly requested to submit the names of their representatives in the drafting committee on the draft Declaration by 5 p.m. today, Wednesday, 24 October.
- ♦ **List of delegates:** The final List of Delegates will be made available on the IPU website.

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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED DURING THE 127th ASSEMBLY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On 24 October 2012, the Governing Council will be required to elect **two members** (Eurasia Group and Latin America and Caribbean Group).

The following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. K. Chshmaritian (Armenia): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group;
- Mr. D. Vivas (Venezuela): candidature submitted by the Latin America and Caribbean Group.

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

Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

On 24 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect **two substitute members** (African Group and Twelve Plus Group).

The following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. L.B. Mbuku (Dem. Rep. of the Congo): candidature submitted by the African Group;
- Ms. I. Støjberg (Denmark): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

Committee on Middle East Questions

On 24 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect **three titular members and one substitute member**. According to the gender guidelines governing the composition of the Committee on Middle East Questions, **the three titular members to be elected cannot all be of the same gender. The substitute member should be a woman parliamentarian.**

Moreover, the members shall be elected on the basis of their interest and expertise in the subject matter and of their availability to attend all sessions.

The following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. F.K. Chowdhury (Bangladesh): candidature as titular member submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group;
- Mr. T. Henare (New Zealand): candidature as titular member submitted by the Twelve Plus Group;
- Lord Judd (United Kingdom): candidature as titular member submitted by the Twelve Plus Group;
- Mr. A.O. Al Mansoori (United Arab Emirates): candidature as titular member submitted by the First Deputy Speaker of the Federal National Council of the United Arab Emirates;
- Mr. H. Franken (Netherlands): candidature as substitute member submitted by the Twelve Plus Group;
- Mr. D. Papadimoulis (Greece): candidature as substitute member submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

On 24 October, the Governing Council will be required to elect **three titular members** (Arab Group, Eurasia Group, and Latin America and Caribbean Group) and **two substitute members** (Arab Group and Asia-Pacific Group).

The following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. Y. Meftali (Algeria): candidature as titular member submitted by the Algerian parliamentary delegation;
- Ms. G. Cuevas (Mexico): candidature as titular member submitted by the Latin America and Caribbean Group;
- Mr. P. Phalusuk (Thailand): candidature as substitute member submitted by the Thai IPU Group.

APPOINTMENT OF TWO INTERNAL AUDITORS FOR THE 2013 ACCOUNTS

On 24 October, the Governing Council will appoint **two Internal Auditors** for the 2013 fiscal year. They will report in spring 2014. Parliamentarians interested in submitting their candidature for this position should preferably have prior experience either in a parliamentary finance or audit committee.

The following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. R. Mohamed (United Rep. of Tanzania): candidature submitted by the African Group;
- Mr. D. Pacheco (Portugal): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

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OFFICIAL RECEPTION

6.30 p.m. Reception hosted by Mr. Jacques Chagnon, President of the National Assembly of Québec

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