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Time	Meeting	Place
8 a.m. – 9 a.m.	Steering Committee of the Assembly <i>The Steering Committee is composed of the President of the IPU 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.</i>	VIP Salon level 3, CICG (in camera)
9 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.	Governing Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Questions relating to IPU membership– Reports by the President and Secretary General– Reports on recent IPU specialized meetings	Room 1 level 1, CICG
followed by 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Opening of the Assembly; inaugural address by the President of the IPU♦ Remarks by Mr Michael Møller, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva♦ Start of the general debate on <i>The IPU at 125: Renewing our commitment to peace and democracy</i> (A list of speakers is available for this debate.)	Room 1 level 1, CICG
9 a.m. – 12 noon	Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS and Maternal, Newborn and Child Health	Room 8 level 2, CICG (in camera – English only)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Limited seating – Plenary Hall (Room 1). On the basis of seats available at desks in the room, each parliamentary delegation will be allocated two seats at desks and two seats behind. Where possible, larger delegations and/or those led by a Speaker of Parliament will have three seats at desks and three seats behind.

Priority lane – Security. Each Head of delegation and/or Speaker of Parliament will receive an IPU lapel pin upon registration. When wearing the pin, delegates will have access to a “priority” lane at the security check-point.

¹ Information as at 16 March, at 6 p.m.

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Election of Bureau members◆ Address by Dr. Lassina Zerbo, Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO)◆ Item 4: <i>Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: The contribution of parliaments</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">– Presentation of the preliminary draft resolution by the co-Rapporteurs– Debate <p><i>co-Rapporteurs:</i> – Mr. Blaine Calkins (Canada) – Ms. Yolanda Ferrer Gómez (Cuba)</p>	Room 2 level 0, CIGC
9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Contribution to the work of the 130th Assembly with regard to the Standing Committee resolutions◆ Implementation of the Rules and Modalities of the Forum at the 131st Assembly◆ Update on the Forum's activities in 2014◆ Q & A with the candidates for the position of Secretary General of the IPU	Room A CCV Annexe, CIGC
10 a.m. – 12 noon	Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law	Room C CCV Annexe, CIGC (in camera)
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Address by Mr. Mustapha Ben Jaafar, President of the National Constituent Assembly of Tunisia◆ Continuation of general debate	Room 1 level 1, CIGC
4.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Consideration of requests for the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda◆ Time permitting, continuation of general debate	
2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians	Room B CCV Annexe, CIGC (in camera)
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Election of Bureau members◆ Item 6: <i>The role of parliaments in protecting the rights of children, in particular unaccompanied migrant children, and in preventing their exploitation in situations of war and conflict</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">– Presentation of the preliminary draft resolution prepared by the co-Rapporteurs– Debate <p><i>co-Rapporteurs:</i> – Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barrón (Mexico) – Ms. Jameela Salman Nasaif (Bahrain)</p>	Room 2 level 0, CIGC

2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. Drafting Committee – Item 4 **Room A**
(Standing Committee on Peace and International Security) **CCV Annexe, CICG**
(in camera)
– Start of the drafting committee²

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7 p.m. Reception hosted by Switzerland **Bâtiment des Forces**
Motrices, Geneva
(Buses leaving CICG as of 6.30 p.m.)

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Preview of main programme for Tuesday, 18 March

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Assembly	Room 1 level 1, CICG
12.30 p.m. – 1 p.m.	♦ Continuation of general debate	
	♦ Open debate with Mr. William Lacy Swing, Director General of the International Organization for Migration	
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	♦ Continuation of general debate	
4.30 p.m.	♦ Debate on the emergency item	
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade	Room 2 level 0, CICG
	♦ Election of Bureau members	
	♦ Item 5: <i>Towards risk-resilient development: Taking into consideration demographic trends and natural constraints</i>	
	– Address by Ms. Margareta Wahlström, United Nations Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General, United Nations International Strategy For Disaster Reduction (UNISDR)	
	– Presentation and debate of preliminary draft resolution	
11.30 a.m.–1.30 p.m. & 2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights Drafting of resolution in plenary	Rooms 3 & 4 level 0, CICG
3 p.m. – 3.45 p.m. & 5.15 p.m. – 5.45 p.m.	Meeting of Women Parliamentarians	Room 2, level 0, CICG & Room A, CCV Annexe
4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security	Room 2 level 0, CICG
	♦ Adoption of the draft resolution and future work programme	
	♦ Election of the President and Vice-President of the Standing Committee	

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² Geopolitical groups are requested to communicate the names of their representatives on the drafting committee (two or maximum three members per group) by **10 a.m. today, Monday 17 March**.

OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, 18 March 2014

- 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. **Field visit to a centre for unaccompanied minors in Lausanne³**
This visit has been organized ahead of the panel discussion on migrant children taking place on Wednesday. Participants will visit a centre which seeks to provide special care to unaccompanied minors, to develop their level of autonomy and support them in their socialization.

Wednesday, 19 March 2014

- 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. **Possible drafting committee on the emergency item** Room A
Geopolitical groups are kindly requested to nominate their representatives by **6 p.m. today, Monday, 17 March.** CCV Annexe, CIGG
(in camera)
- 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. **Panel discussion on *Promoting the child's best interest: The case of migrant children*** Room A
CCV Annexe, CIGG

Thursday, 20 March 2014

- 2.30 p.m.–4.30 p.m. **Panel discussion on *Reasons for the high turnover of parliamentarians at elections*** Rooms 3 & 4
level 0, CIGG



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OTHER INFORMATION

- ♦ **List of delegates:** In order to ensure the accuracy of the final List of Delegates, delegations are kindly requested to report any changes to Ms. Marina Filippin at the Registration Desk by **10 a.m. on Wednesday 19 March.** The final List of Delegates will be made available on the IPU website.

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MEDIA INFORMATION

-  Follow us on Twitter and take part in the Assembly debates using #IPU130 (www.twitter.com/ipuparliament).
-  View Assembly photos on Flickr (www.ipu.org/130pics). For information on the official photobank, please visit the Press Service in the main lobby (ground floor, CIGG).

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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED DURING THE 130th ASSEMBLY

For more detailed information, please see [Vacancies](#) document.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Standing Committees will be electing their Bureaux at their first sitting. Geopolitical groups are requested to submit the names of their representatives in the four Bureaux in advance of the first sitting of each Standing Committee.

³ Geopolitical groups are kindly requested to communicate to the IPU Secretariat the names of up to six MP participants per Group by 12 noon today, Monday, 17 March.

COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS

On 18 March 2014, the 19th Meeting of Women Parliamentarians will be required to hold elections for its Coordinating Committee. Geopolitical groups are requested to submit candidatures in writing by 12 noon today, Monday, 17 March, to Ms. K. Jabre. Posts to be filled include:

- **One titular and one substitute regional representative** per geopolitical group, for a four-year term;
- **One titular regional representative** each for the **African Group**, the **Arab Group** and the **Eurasia Group** to fill the seats left vacant (end of term: April 2016);
- **One substitute regional representative** each for the **Asia-Pacific Group**, the **Eurasia Group** and **GRULAC** to fill the seats left vacant (end of term: April 2016).

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- *Ms. F. El Farissi (Oman): candidature as titular regional representative (four-year term) submitted by the Arab Group;*
- *Ms. L. Lakoud (Bahrain): candidature as titular regional representative (end of term: April 2016) submitted by the Arab Group;*
- *Ms. V. Petrenko (Russian Federation): candidature as titular regional representative (four-year term) submitted by the Eurasia Group;*
- *Ms. H. Bisharyan (Armenia): candidature as titular regional representative (end of term: April 2016) submitted by the Eurasia Group;*
- *Ms. E. Shamal (Belarus): candidature as substitute regional representative (four-year term) submitted by the Eurasia Group;*
- *Ms. M. André (France): candidature as titular regional representative (four-year term) submitted by the Twelve Plus Group;*
- *Ms. P. Ernstberger (Germany): candidature as substitute regional representative (four-year term) submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.*

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On 20 March 2014, the Governing Council will be required to hold elections as outlined below. Candidatures (a signed letter and a one-page curriculum vitae) may be submitted to the Submission and Control of Documents Service (Offices 224/225, level 2, CICG) up to 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 19 March 2014.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Governing Council will be required to elect **two members** (Twelve Plus Group).

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- *Mr. N. Lammert (Germany): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group, to complete the term of office of his predecessor (October 2015);*
- *Ms. S. Ataullahjan (Canada): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group, to complete the term of office of her predecessor (October 2014).*

COMMITTEE ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF PARLIAMENTARIANS

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one titular member** (African Group).

COMMITTEE ON MIDDLE EAST QUESTIONS

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one titular member** and **two substitute members**.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- *Ms. D. Pascal Allende (Chile): candidature as titular member submitted by GRULAC;*
- *Mr. A.N.M. Al-Ahmad (Palestine): candidature as substitute member submitted by the candidate;*
- *Ms. C. Vienne (Belgium): candidature as substitute member submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.*

GROUP OF FACILITATORS FOR CYPRUS

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one Facilitator**.

COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

The Governing Council will be required to elect **three members** (Arab Group, Asia-Pacific Group and Eurasia Group).

To date, the following candidature has been received:

- *Ms. S. El Masri (Jordan): candidature submitted by the Arab Group.*

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