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# 131<sup>st</sup> IPU ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

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## Convocation of the 131<sup>st</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

Geneva, 12 to 16 October 2014

Madam President,  
Mr. President,

It is our pleasure to inform you that the 131<sup>st</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and related meetings will be held at the *Centre international de Conférences de Genève* (CICG), Geneva (Switzerland), from Sunday, 12 to Thursday, 16 October 2014.

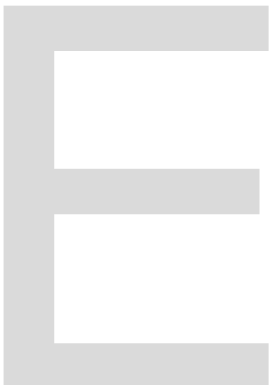
### AGENDA

1. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the 131<sup>st</sup> Assembly
2. Consideration of requests for the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda
3. General Debate on *Achieving gender equality, ending violence against women*
4. International law as it relates to national sovereignty, non-intervention in the internal affairs of States and human rights  
(*Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights*)
5. Reports of the Standing Committees on Peace and International Security; Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade; and United Nations Affairs
6. Approval of the subject item for the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights at the 133<sup>rd</sup> IPU Assembly

### TIMETABLE

The Timetable of the Assembly and related meetings is set out in [Annex 1](#).

The Governing Council will convene on 13 and 16 October. It will consider and take decisions on a host of matters relating to the functioning and activities of the IPU. The members of the Governing Council will also elect the new IPU President, through a secret ballot, on Thursday, 16 October 2014. The Assembly, in turn, will adopt resolutions on the emergency item chosen for the Assembly, as well as on the subject item considered by the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights. It is expected that the Assembly will conclude its business by 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, 16 October.



## EMERGENCY ITEM

According to Assembly Rule 11.1 and Article 14.2 of the Statutes, any Member of the IPU may request the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda. If the Assembly so decides, the emergency item will be debated by the Assembly in the morning of Tuesday, 14 October 2014. Provision has also been made later that day for a drafting committee to meet in order to prepare a draft resolution.

## WORK OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

All four Standing Committees will be meeting during the 131<sup>st</sup> IPU Assembly.

The Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights will be discussing and adopting a resolution on the issue of *International law as it relates to national sovereignty, non-intervention in the internal affairs of States and human rights*.

The other three Standing Committees will be holding hearings and panel discussions on the basis of recommendations from their respective Bureaux. The draft agendas of the Standing Committees are attached.

Members are invited to actively participate in the proceedings of the Standing Committees. More time will be allocated for the Bureaux of the Standing Committees to discuss and elaborate their respective future work programmes. It is therefore important for all Bureau members to attend the Geneva Assembly as part of their national delegations.

In order to ensure greater coherence in the implementation of the new IPU Statutes and Rules, a joint meeting of the Chairs of the Standing Committee Bureaux and of the geopolitical groups will be held on Sunday, 12 October, from 10:00 to 12:30. Both Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the Standing Committees, as well as the Chairs of the geopolitical groups, are invited to attend this important meeting.

## PARTICIPATION

IPU Members may appoint a maximum of eight delegates, or 10 for parliaments of countries with a population of 100 million inhabitants or more. Please note that the number of additional MPs accompanying delegations as Advisers must not exceed two.

All Member Parliaments are encouraged to strive for gender parity in the composition of their delegations. Any delegation which, for three consecutive sessions of the Assembly, is composed exclusively of parliamentarians of the same sex, shall automatically be reduced by one person.

Member Parliaments are also encouraged to include young members of parliament in their delegation. A meeting of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU will be held on 13 October. Among other things, the Forum will formulate and provide an input by the young MPs into the deliberations of the Assembly.

IPU Members whose arrears equal or exceed the amount of the contributions due from them for the preceding two full years shall not be represented by more than two delegates at meetings of the IPU (Article 5.2 of the Statutes).

Associate Members may participate in the Assembly and its Standing Committees with the same rights as Members, with the exception of the right to vote and to present candidates for elective office.

International organizations and other bodies invited by the Governing Council to be represented at the Assembly as Observers are entitled to send a maximum of two delegates.

Delegates are kindly requested to take note of the fact that the Plenary Hall, where the meetings of the Assembly and Governing Council are held, has a limited capacity. Depending on actual attendance at the 131<sup>st</sup> Assembly, the Secretariat will endeavour to allocate an adequate number of seats for all delegations. At a minimum, each delegation will be allocated a sufficient number of seats required for a possible vote by the Assembly or Governing Council.

## STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee of the Assembly is composed of the President of the Assembly, the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Vice-President of the Executive Committee. The Presidents of the Standing Committees may take part in its work in an advisory capacity.

The Steering Committee, assisted by the IPU Secretary General, is mandated to take all appropriate measures to ensure the effective organization and smooth running of the Assembly proceedings. The first sitting of the Steering Committee is scheduled for Monday, 13 October 2014, early in the morning.

## VACANCIES TO BE FILLED DURING THE 131<sup>st</sup> ASSEMBLY

In the afternoon of 16 October, the Governing Council will hold an election by secret ballot for the new IPU President. Candidatures, accompanied by a signed covering letter and a brief curriculum vitae, may be submitted up to Wednesday, 15 October, at 2.30 p.m.

The Forum of Young Parliamentarians will also hold elections for its Board during its meeting on Monday, 13 October. According to Rule 5 of the Forum's Rules and Working Modalities, *the Board shall be composed of two representatives from each of the IPU geopolitical groups, a man and a woman*. Candidates should be below the age of 43 years.

Geopolitical groups are invited to submit candidatures before 3 p.m. on Sunday, 12 October 2014.

As the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians will be held on Sunday, 12 October, all geopolitical groups are strongly urged to schedule their meetings on Saturday, 11 October, or at another time which does not conflict with the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians.

An updated list of vacancies for other IPU bodies will be circulated to Members six weeks ahead of the Assembly.

## PREPARATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS AND SELECTION OF AGENDA ITEMS

All Members can contribute to the drafting of resolutions by submitting a brief written input (Article 13.1 of the Rules of the Standing Committees). The deadline for written input to the resolution of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights was 15 May 2014.

The provisional calendar for the preparation of the draft resolution by the Standing Committee is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
15 May 2014	Deadline for submission of written input by Member Parliaments. Contributions will be made available to the co-Rapporteurs to assist them in drafting the resolutions.
25 August 2014	IPU Secretariat distributes the draft resolution to Member Parliaments in English and French.
29 September 2014	Deadline for proposed amendments to the draft resolution by Member Parliaments.
12 – 16 October 2014	During the 131 <sup>st</sup> IPU Assembly, the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights meets to debate and adopt the draft resolution.
16 October 2014	Adoption by the Assembly of the Standing Committee's resolution.

Also in accordance with the amended Rules of the Standing Committees, proposals for subject items to be taken up by Standing Committees need to be submitted no later than 15 days before the opening of the Assembly preceding the one where the subject will be discussed. As such, Members are encouraged to submit to the IPU Secretariat by 26 September 2014 at the latest their proposals for subject items to be taken up by the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights.

### **GENERAL DEBATE (Item 3 of the agenda)**

As indicated in the agenda, the General Debate at the 131<sup>st</sup> Assembly will focus on the overall theme of *Achieving gender equality, ending violence against women*.

As decided by the Governing Council, the IPU will partner with UN Women and the World Future Council in designating the 2014 Future Policy Award in the area of combating violence against women and girls. The Award ceremony will be held in the evening of Tuesday 14 October, followed by a reception.

In accordance with the Assembly Rules and unless the Steering Committee decides otherwise, every delegation shall be entitled to eight minutes' speaking time in the General Debate. When two speakers from the same delegation are registered for the Debate, speaking time will be shared as appropriate.

By decision of the IPU Governing Council, the speaking time of Observers will be limited to five minutes. Flexibility will be shown in the case of executive heads of organizations within the United Nations system who wish to address the IPU.

Registration will take place at the speakers' registration desk, situated just outside the main entrance to the Plenary Hall (Room 1) on the first floor of the CICG. This desk will open 24 hours before the beginning of the first plenary of the Assembly, on Sunday, 12 October at 11 a.m.

Members also have the option of either sending the names of their speaker(s) in advance to the IPU Secretariat by e-mail or fax, using the attached "Speakers pre-registration form" ([Annex 3](#)).

Pre-registration will be considered valid once the final order of speakers has been determined by the traditional public drawing of lots at 6 p.m. on Sunday, 12 October 2014 (cf. Art. 23.2 of the Rules of the Assembly).

### **VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE ASSEMBLY**

According to Rule 7.3 of the Assembly Rules, all parliamentary delegations are entitled to designate one of their members as a Vice-President of the Assembly. Some of them will be called upon to replace the President of the Assembly during a sitting or part of a sitting.

Upon arrival at the IPU Registration Desk in Geneva, delegations are invited to indicate the name of the parliamentarian from their delegation nominated as a Vice-President of the Assembly.

### **TABLE SHOWING THE ALLOCATION OF VOTES**

A provisional table showing the votes allocated to delegations to the 131<sup>st</sup> Assembly is contained in [Annex 2](#).

**Members are kindly requested to check the figures concerning them and, if necessary, inform the IPU Secretariat in Geneva in writing of any modifications required, preferably ahead of the session.**

The final table showing the allocation of votes at the Assembly will be distributed at the opening of the session.

### **LANGUAGES**

The IPU Secretariat will provide simultaneous interpretation into and from its two official languages: English and French, as well as Arabic and Spanish at the meetings of all statutory bodies.

Three other interpretation channels have been reserved for Chinese, Japanese and Russian at sittings of the Assembly and the Governing Council, and for the plenary sessions of the Standing Committees.

Delegates may, exceptionally, use another language provided that they arrange for their speech to be interpreted into one of the IPU's official languages, and for eight copies of the speech to be given to the Chief Interpreter (Ms. F. Steinig-Huang) well in advance and no later than two hours before it is to be delivered.

## MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES

The following IPU bodies will also meet during the Assembly:

- Governing Council (13 and 16 October, *public sittings*);
- Executive Committee (10, 11 and 15 October, *in camera*);
- Sub-Committee on Finance (9 October, *in camera*);
- Meeting of Women Parliamentarians (12 October, *public sitting*);
- Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU (13 October, *public sitting*).
- Coordinating Committee of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians (12 and 16 October, *in camera*);
- Gender Partnership Group (11 and 15 October, *in camera*);
- Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians (11 to 15 October, *in camera*);
- Committee on Middle East Questions (12 and 15 October, *in camera*);
- Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law (13 October, *in camera* and 15 October, *public sitting*).

The Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP) will also meet at the CICG during the Assembly. It will be convened by its President.

The first global IPU Conference of Young Parliamentarians, entitled *Taking Democracy to Task*, will take place before the Assembly, on 10 and 11 October 2014, at the CICG. An invitation will be sent to all Members asking them to form a delegation of young men and women parliamentarians to attend the Conference.

## RESULTS OF THE ASSEMBLY

All delegations will receive two printed copies of the *Results* of the 131<sup>st</sup> Assembly. In addition, the document will become accessible on the IPU website two weeks after the close of the Assembly, when a complete electronic version can be downloaded in PDF format.

## REGISTRATION

**All delegations are requested to respect the registration deadline of 28 September 2014.**

The new IPU online registration system is now in place, and all Members are encouraged to register online. Annex 4 provides instructions on how to use the system, which will be operational as of 18 August 2014. Please note the recommendation that only one person be designated as the delegation coordinator and have access to the system.

Should you encounter any difficulties, please contact the registration service at [postbox@ipu.org](mailto:postbox@ipu.org). If for any reason your Parliament is unable to register online, either send an e-mail to the same address, or a fax to +41 22 919 41 60 and you will receive a registration form.

The Registration and Information Service will be open at the CICG on Saturday, 11 October from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and from 12 to 16 October from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please be advised that this Service can hand over delegation badges to Permanent Missions in Geneva only if a signed letter of authorization has been received from the Member Parliament. Even when badges have been collected by Permanent Missions, delegations are kindly requested to contact the Registration and Information Service and verify the accuracy of the information contained in the List of Participants.

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

October is a particularly busy month for hotels in Geneva. Delegates are therefore advised to make their hotel reservations as soon as possible. Those delegations from countries with a Permanent Mission in Geneva are invited to contact their respective Mission, as they are accustomed to receiving delegations to UN meetings and handling hotel reservations. Many of them have agreements for preferential rates with hotels close to the Palais des Nations area and the CICG.

For those Members without diplomatic representation in Geneva, as well as Associate Members and official observers, the IPU Secretariat has pre-booked a limited number of rooms at two hotels in Geneva (Ibis Genève Centre Nations – 3-star and the Warwick – 4-star, with prices ranging from CHF 193 to 230, without breakfast).

The booking conditions are very strict and delegates are advised to respect the deadline of each hotel as indicated on the form, as after this date, the preferential negotiated rates will no longer be available and the rooms will be released. Please contact the IPU Secretariat should you wish to receive the corresponding hotel reservation form by fax: +41 22 919 41 60 or e-mail: [postbox@ipu.org](mailto:postbox@ipu.org).

In keeping with the practice of hotels in Geneva, only reservations made with a credit card guarantee will be confirmed. It is also possible to make reservations online via the Tourist Office's website at: [www.geneve-tourisme.ch/en/accommodation](http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch/en/accommodation).

## VISAS

Switzerland is an associate member of the Schengen Agreement and part of the Schengen area. The Visa Information System (VIS) was introduced in the Schengen area in October 2011, which stores biometric data (fingerprints and facial image) of the Schengen visa applicant. All Swiss embassies and consulates are gradually being connected to the VIS system.

All visa applicants are required to make an appointment with the Swiss embassy/consulate and submit and register their biometric data in person. This data remains valid in the VIS system for a period of five years.

An official document explaining the implementation of the VIS system, registration of biometric data and the rollout timetable for Swiss embassies/consulates connected to the VIS system is available at [www.bfm.admin.ch/content/bfm/en/home/themen/einreise/einfuehrung\\_vis.html](http://www.bfm.admin.ch/content/bfm/en/home/themen/einreise/einfuehrung_vis.html).

The time needed to obtain a visa depends greatly on local circumstances. In addition to this, Switzerland has signed agreements with certain countries where it is not represented by a diplomatic or consular entity. Under certain conditions these agreements allow for the issuing of visas by a Schengen State in a country where Switzerland is not represented. It is therefore highly recommended that applicants enquire directly with the Swiss embassy/consulate in their country of residence or consult the appropriate website. Appointments for submitting and registering biometric data must therefore be taken well in advance, as per information provided by the Swiss authorities. Kindly note that following Switzerland's entry into the Schengen area, visas are no longer issued upon arrival at Geneva International Airport.

It is our hope that your Parliament will be represented at the 131<sup>st</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and that the delegation, under your leadership, will take an active part in the proceedings.

Yours sincerely,



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of the Inter-Parliamentary Union



Abdelwahad RADI  
President  
of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

## GENERAL TIMETABLE OF THE 131<sup>st</sup> ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

Geneva, 9 to 16 October 2014

### Thursday, 9 October 2014

 10:00 - 13:00 Sub-Committee on Finance\*  
15:00 - 18:00 *Main meeting room, IPU Headquarters*

### Friday, 10 October 2014

 11:00 - 13:30 Executive Committee\*  
15:00 - 18:00 *Main meeting room, IPU Headquarters*

### Saturday, 11 October 2014

 09.00 – 18.00 Beginning of Registration - *Main lobby, CICG*

 09.00 – 10.00 Gender Partnership Group\*  
*Main meeting room, IPU Headquarters*

 09.30 – 13.00 Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians\*  
*Room 15, level -1, CICG*

 10.00 – 13.00 Executive Committee\*  
*Main meeting room, IPU Headquarters*

 14.30 – 18.00 Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians\*  
*Room 15, level -1, CICG*

 15:00 - 18:00 Executive Committee\*  
*Main meeting room, IPU Headquarters*

### Sunday, 12 October 2014

 07.30 – 09.15 Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians\*  
*Espace polyvalent, level 0, CICG*

 09.30 – 13.00 **Meeting of Women Parliamentarians**  
*Room 2, level 0, CICG*

 10.00 – 12.30 Joint Meeting of Chairpersons of Standing Committee Bureaux and of Geopolitical Groups\*  
*Espace polyvalent, level 0, CICG*

 14.00 – 15.00 Meeting of Advisers and Secretaries to delegations  
*Rooms 5 & 6, level 3, CICG*












 14.30 – 18.00 **Meeting of Women Parliamentarians**  
*Room 2, level 0, CICG*

 14.30 – 18.00 Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians\*  
*Room 15, level -1, CICG*

 15.30 – 18.00 Committee on Middle East Questions\*  
*Espace polyvalent, level 0, CICG*

\* in camera











## Monday, 13 October 2014

	08.00 – 09.00	Assembly Steering Committee* <i>VIP Salon, level 3, CICG</i>
	09.00 – 10.45	<b>Governing Council</b> <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i>
	09.00 – 13.00	<b>Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights</b> Presentation and debate of draft resolution <i>Rooms 3 &amp; 4, level 0, CICG</i>
ASGP	09.30 – 11.00	ASGP Executive Committee* <i>Room 20, level 3, CICG</i>
	09.30 – 12.30	Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU <i>Espace polyvalent, level 0, CICG</i>
ASGP	11.00 – 12.30	ASGP Meeting <i>Rooms 5 &amp; 6, level 3, CICG</i>
	11.00 – 13.00	<b>Assembly:</b> Start of the General Debate <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i>
	14.30 – 16.00	Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law* <i>Room 18, level -1, CICG</i>
	14.30 – 16.30	<b>Assembly:</b> General Debate <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i>
ASGP	14.30 – 17.30	ASGP Meeting <i>Rooms 5 &amp; 6, level 3, CICG</i>
	14.30 – 17.30	<b>Standing Committee on Peace and International Security</b> Debate <i>Room 2, level 0, CICG</i>
	14.30 – 17.30	<b>Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights</b> Drafting of the resolution in plenary <i>Rooms 3 &amp; 4, level 0, CICG</i>
	14.30 – 18.00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians* <i>Room 15, level -1, CICG</i>
	16.30 – 17.30	<b>Assembly:</b> - Decision on the emergency item, and - continuation of the General Debate <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i>

\* in camera















## Tuesday, 14 October 2014

	09.30 – 12.30 09.30 – 11.00 11.00 – 12.30	<b>Assembly:</b> - Continuation of the General Debate, and - Debate on the emergency item <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i>
	09.30 – 12.30	<b>Standing Committee on UN Affairs</b> Debate <i>Room 2, level 0, CICG</i>
	09.30 – 12.30	<b>Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights</b> Finalization of the draft resolution in plenary <i>Rooms 3 &amp; 4, level 0, CICG</i>
	09.30 – 13.00	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians* <i>Room 15, level -1, CICG</i>
	10.00 – 12.30	Bureau of the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security* <i>Room 18, level -1, CICG</i>
<b>ASGP</b>	10.00 – 12.30	ASGP Meeting <i>Rooms 5 &amp; 6, level 3, CICG</i>
	14.30 – 17.00	Bureau of the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade* <i>Room 15, level -1, CICG</i>
<b>ASGP</b>	14.30 – 17.30	ASGP Meeting <i>Rooms 5 &amp; 6, level 3, CICG</i>
	14.30 – 17.30	<b>Assembly:</b> General debate <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i>
	14.30 – 17.30	<b>Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade</b> Panel discussion organized in cooperation with UNCTAD / World Investment Forum <i>Room 2, level 0, CICG</i>
	14.30 – 18.30	Possible drafting committee on the emergency item* <i>Espace polyvalent, level 0, CICG</i>
	17.30 – 18.30	Future Policy Award Ceremony <i>Room 2, level 0, CICG</i>
	18.30	Future Policy Award Reception <i>Events area, level 1, CICG</i>





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## Wednesday, 15 October 2014

	09.00 – 10.00	Gender Partnership Group* <i>Espace polyvalent, level 0, CICG</i>
	09.00 – 11.00	<b>Standing Committee on UN Affairs</b> Debate <i>Room 2, level 0, CICG</i>
	09.00 – 11.30	Bureau of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights* <i>Room 15, level -1, CICG</i>
<b>ASGP</b>	09.30 – 10.00	ASGP Executive Committee* <i>Room 20, level 3, CICG</i>
	09.30 – 12.30	<b>Assembly:</b> - Adoption of the resolution on the emergency item, and - conclusion of the General Debate <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i>
<b>ASGP</b>	10.00 – 12.30	ASGP Meeting <i>Rooms 5 &amp; 6, level 3, CICG</i>
	10.00 – 12.30	Executive Committee* <i>Espace polyvalent, level 0, CICG</i>
	11.30 – 13.00	Open session of the Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law <i>Rooms 3 &amp; 4, level 0, CICG</i>
	14.30 – 16.30	<b>Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights</b> Adoption of the draft resolution <i>Rooms 3 &amp; 4, level 0, CICG</i>
	14.30 – 17.30	<b>Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade</b> Panel discussion <i>Room 2, level 0, CICG</i>
	14.30 – 17.30	<b>Standing Committee on Peace and International Security</b> Panel discussion <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i>
	14.30 – 17.30	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians* <i>Room 15, level -1, CICG</i>
<b>ASGP</b>	14.30 – 17.30	ASGP Meeting <i>Rooms 5 &amp; 6, level 3, CICG</i>
	15.00 – 17.30	Bureau of the Standing Committee on UN Affairs* <i>Room 18, level -1, CICG</i>
	17.00 – 19.00	Committee on Middle East Questions* <i>Espace polyvalent, level 0, CICG</i>

\* in camera

## Thursday, 16 October 2014

	08.00 – 10.00	Coordinating Committee of Women MPs* <i>Espace polyvalent, level 0, CICG</i>
<b>ASGP</b>	09.30 – 10.00	ASGP Executive Committee* <i>Room 20, level 3, CICG</i>
	09.30 – 13.00	<b>Governing Council</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Election of the President,</li><li>- Resolutions on the human rights of MPs, and</li><li>- Reports of specialized meetings</li></ul> <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i>
<b>ASGP</b>	10.00 – 12.30	ASGP Meeting <i>Rooms 5 &amp; 6, level 3, CICG</i>
	14.30 – 17.30	<b>Governing Council</b> <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i>
	17.30 – 18.30	<b>Assembly</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Adoption of Standing Committee resolution,</li><li>- Outcome document of the General debate, and</li><li>- Closing sitting</li></ul> <i>Room 1, level 1, CICG</i>

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**Legend:**

Assembly /  
Governing Council



Committees /  
Panel discussions



Other Assembly events,  
including *in camera*  
sessions



\* *in camera*

**PROVISIONAL TABLE SHOWING THE ALLOCATION OF VOTES AT THE 131<sup>st</sup>  
ASSEMBLY**  
(According to Article 15.2 of the Statutes)

MEMBERS		Votes under (a)	Population in millions	Votes under (b)	Total number of votes
1.	Afghanistan	10	24.1	4	14
2.	Albania	10	3.0	1	11
3.	Algeria	10	33.2	5	15
4.	Andorra	10	0.08	0	10
5.	Angola	10	8.3	2	12
6.	Argentina	10	41.0	6	16
7.	Armenia	10	3.4	1	11
8.	Australia	10	21.0	4	14
9.	Austria	10	7.8	2	12
10.	Azerbaijan	10	9.5	2	12
11.	Bahrain	10	0.7	0	10
12.	Bangladesh	10	153.0	10	20
13.	Belarus	10	10.2	3	13
14.	Belgium	10	9.9	2	12
15.	Benin	10	7.6	2	12
16.	Bhutan	10	0.7	0	10
17.	Bolivia	10	6.7	2	12
18.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	10	4.3	1	11
19.	Botswana	10	1.3	1	11
20.	Brazil	10	146.0	10	20
21.	Bulgaria	10	8.5	2	12
22.	Burkina Faso	10	10.4	3	13
23.	Burundi	10	5.2	2	12
24.	Cambodia	10	10.7	3	13
25.	Cameroon	10	12.9	3	13
26.	Canada	10	30.8	5	15
27.	Cape-Verde	10	0.3	0	10
28.	Chad	10	11.3	3	13
29.	Chile	10	15.1	3	13
30.	China	10	1,200.0	13	23
31.	Colombia	10	29.5	4	14
32.	Congo	10	1.9	1	11
33.	Costa Rica	10	3.3	1	11
34.	Côte d'Ivoire	10	15.5	3	13
35.	Croatia	10	4.8	1	11
36.	Cuba	10	10.2	3	13
37.	Cyprus	10	0.7	0	10
38.	Czech Republic	10	10.5	3	13
39.	Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	10	20.9	4	14
40.	Dem. Republic of the Congo	10	56.8	7	17
41.	Denmark	10	5.2	2	12
42.	Djibouti	10	0.79	0	10
43.	Dominican Republic	10	9.0	2	12
44.	Ecuador	10	14.0	3	13
45.	El Salvador	10	5.3	2	12
46.	Equatorial Guinea	10	1.0	1	11
47.	Estonia	10	1.5	1	11
48.	Ethiopia	10	87.9	9	19
49.	Federated States of Micronesia	10	0.10	0	10

MEMBERS		Votes under (a)	Population in millions	Votes under (b)	Total number of votes
50.	Finland	10	5.4	2	12
51.	France	10	65.8	8	18
52.	Gabon	10	1.0	1	11
53.	Gambia	10	1.5	1	11
54.	Georgia	10	4.7	1	11
55.	Germany	10	81.3	9	19
56.	Ghana	10	25.0	4	14
57.	Greece	10	10.2	3	13
58.	Guatemala	10	8.2	2	12
59.	Guinea-Bissau	10	1.5	1	11
60.	Haiti	10	10.2	3	13
61.	Honduras	10	8.1	2	12
62.	Hungary	10	10.4	3	13
63.	Iceland	10	0.31	0	10
64.	India	10	1,000.3	13	23
65.	Indonesia	10	206.0	12	22
66.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	10	60.5	8	18
67.	Iraq	10	26.7	4	14
68.	Ireland	10	4.5	1	11
69.	Israel	10	6.7	2	12
70.	Italy	10	57.0	7	17
71.	Japan	10	123.6	10	20
72.	Jordan	10	5.5	2	12
73.	Kazakhstan	10	17.0	3	13
74.	Kenya	10	24.0	4	14
75.	Kuwait	10	2.2	1	11
76.	Kyrgyzstan	10	4.5	1	11
77.	Lao People's Dem. Rep.	10	5.6	2	12
78.	Latvia	10	2.7	1	11
79.	Lebanon	10	2.4	1	11
80.	Lesotho	10	2.1	1	11
81.	Libya	10	3.9	1	11
82.	Liechtenstein	10	0.3	0	10
83.	Lithuania	10	3.9	1	11
84.	Luxembourg	10	0.4	0	10
85.	Malawi	10	13.9	3	13
86.	Malaysia	10	22.7	4	14
87.	Maldives	10	0.35	0	10
88.	Mali	10	8.0	2	12
89.	Malta	10	0.3	0	10
90.	Mauritania	10	3.1	1	11
91.	Mauritius	10	1.02	1	11
92.	Mexico	10	104.0	10	20
93.	Monaco	10	0.03	0	10
94.	Mongolia	10	2.0	1	11
95.	Montenegro	10	0.62	0	10
96.	Morocco	10	31.5	5	15
97.	Mozambique	10	12.1	3	13
98.	Myanmar	10	60.3	8	18
99.	Namibia	10	1.5	1	11
100.	Nepal	10	26.4	4	14
101.	Netherlands	10	15.3	3	13

MEMBERS		Votes under (a)	Population in millions	Votes under (b)	Total number of votes
102.	New Zealand	10	4.4	1	11
103.	Nicaragua	10	5.1	2	12
104.	Niger	10	16.5	3	13
105.	Nigeria	10	140.4	10	20
106.	Norway	10	5.0	2	12
107.	Oman	10	2.5	1	11
108.	Pakistan	10	160.9	11	21
109.	Palau	10	0.02	0	10
110.	Palestine	10	3.9	1	11
111.	Panama	10	1.7	1	11
112.	Papua New Guinea	10	3.0	1	11
113.	Paraguay	10	5.7	2	12
114.	Peru	10	23.0	4	14
115.	Philippines	10	62.1	8	18
116.	Poland	10	38.5	5	15
117.	Portugal	10	10.3	3	13
118.	Qatar	10	0.88	0	10
119.	Republic of Korea	10	50.8	7	17
120.	Republic of Moldova	10	4.3	1	11
121.	Romania	10	23.0	4	14
122.	Russian Federation	10	148.8	10	20
123.	Rwanda	10	6.2	2	12
124.	Samoa	10	0.17	0	10
125.	San Marino	10	0.02	0	10
126.	Sao Tome and Principe	10	0.16	0	10
127.	Saudi Arabia	10	27.1	4	14
128.	Senegal	10	7.0	2	12
129.	Serbia	10	9.7	2	12
130.	Seychelles	10	0.08	0	10
131.	Sierra Leone	10	4.9	1	11
132.	Singapore	10	5.08	2	12
133.	Slovakia	10	5.2	2	12
134.	Slovenia	10	1.9	1	11
135.	Somalia	10	10.4	3	13
136.	South Africa	10	51.7	7	17
137.	Spain	10	39.4	5	15
138.	South Sudan	10	10.0	3	13
139.	Sri Lanka	10	17.0	3	13
140.	Sudan	10	33.4	5	15
141.	Suriname	10	0.4	0	10
142.	Sweden	10	8.7	2	12
143.	Switzerland	10	6.7	2	12
144.	Syrian Arab Republic	10	12.5	3	13
145.	Tajikistan	10	5.1	2	12
146.	Thailand	10	60.1	8	18
147.	The fYR of Macedonia	10	2.3	1	11
148.	Timor-Leste	10	0.92	0	10
149.	Togo	10	5.4	2	12
150.	Tonga	10	0.10	0	10
151.	Trinidad and Tobago	10	1.22	1	11
152.	Tunisia	10	10.2	3	13
153.	Turkey	10	64.5	8	18
154.	Uganda	10	17.0	3	13
155.	Ukraine	10	50.1	7	17

MEMBERS		Votes under (a)	Population in millions	Votes under (b)	Total number of votes
156.	United Arab Emirates	10	2.5	1	11
157.	United Kingdom	10	60.2	8	18
158.	United Rep. of Tanzania	10	34.4	5	15
159.	Uruguay	10	3.2	1	11
160.	Venezuela	10	18.1	3	13
161.	Viet Nam	10	90.3	9	19
162.	Yemen	10	10.5	3	13
163.	Zambia	10	10.9	3	13
164.	Zimbabwe	10	10.4	3	13



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(ITEM 3 OF THE AGENDA)

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE ON IPU ONLINE REGISTRATION

The IPU Secretariat has developed an online registration system for its Assemblies, which was put to the test for the first time during the March 2014 Assembly. The results were quite satisfactory and, therefore, all registrations for the 131<sup>st</sup> Assembly should be done online.

The system can be accessed through the IPU website, on the 131<sup>st</sup> Assembly page, simply by clicking on the Registration button. The system will be open from 18 August and will close on 1 October 2014, following which delegates should register with the IPU Registration service: [registration@ipu.org](mailto:registration@ipu.org).

**Important:** It is recommended that all participants designate one delegation coordinator, who will be the sole user of the online registration system and who will choose a password.

The registration process is as follows:

1. Sign up for an account and enter the requested details on this page. Should you have registered successfully for the 130<sup>th</sup> Assembly, in March 2014, your identification information is still valid and may be used.

If the IPU Secretariat opened an account on your behalf for the 130<sup>th</sup> Assembly, using the Parliament's official e-mail address, you are invited to contact: [registration@ipu.org](mailto:registration@ipu.org) for more information.

2. Once you have registered successfully, sign in using your account.
3. Click on "Register for this Event" to register for the 131<sup>st</sup> Assembly.
4. Click on "Start Registration" to register your delegation. In your capacity as delegation coordinator, do not forget to include yourself if you intend to attend the event.
5. It will be possible to make changes to your data until 1 October 2014, after which you should contact directly: [registration@ipu.org](mailto:registration@ipu.org).

The registration process includes a **validation phase**, where system administrators will examine your registration. Once your registration has been validated, you will be sent a confirmation e-mail. Otherwise, one of our administrators will contact you for any action that requires follow-up.

Should you have any questions on registration, please send them to Ms. Sally-Anne Sader, Conference Services Officer, at: [sas@ipu.org](mailto:sas@ipu.org), with copy to the IPU's generic e-mail address: [postbox@ipu.org](mailto:postbox@ipu.org) as well as [registration@ipu.org](mailto:registration@ipu.org).

