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

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## JOURNAL<sup>1</sup> Wednesday, 15 October 2014

Time	Meeting	Place
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	<b>Gender Partnership Group</b>	Espace polyvalent level 0, CICG (in camera)
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	<b>Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ Interactive debate on <i>International cooperation towards an integrated strategy to counter the global drug problem</i> <i>Panellists:</i> Mr. Jean-Luc Lemahieu, UN Office on Drugs and Crime, Ms. Alison Crocket, UNAIDS, Mr. Erik de la Reguera, journalist, and Ambassador Luis de Alba (Mexico) <i>Co-Moderators:</i> Ms. Laura Rojas Hernández, MP (Mexico) and Mr. Anti Avsan, MP (Sweden)</li><li>♦ Elections to the Bureau</li></ul>	Room 2 level 0, CICG
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Assembly</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ Conclusion of the general debate<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Address by Ms. Chantal Compaoré, First Lady of Burkina Faso</li><li>– Closing address by Dr. Gertrude Mongella, Secretary-General of the Fourth (Beijing) World Conference on Women</li></ul></li></ul>	Room 1 level 1, CICG
12.15 p.m.		
12.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ <b>Item 7 (emergency item):</b> <i>The role of parliaments in supporting an immediate and robust international response to the Ebola epidemic and in enacting laws ensuring an effective response to and preparedness for Ebola and other infectious disease outbreaks</i> <i>Rapporteur:</i> Ms. L.A. Yace de Mel (Côte d'Ivoire)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Adoption of the resolution</li></ul></li></ul>	
9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<b>Drafting committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ <b>Item 4:</b> <i>International law as it relates to national sovereignty, non-intervention in the internal affairs of States and human rights</i> (Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights) <u>Composition:</u> Algeria, Canada, China, France, Jordan, Malaysia, Namibia, Nigeria, Peru, Switzerland, Thailand, Venezuela<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Finalization of the draft resolution</li></ul></li></ul>	Room 15 level 0, CICG (in camera)
10 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	<b>Executive Committee</b>	Espace polyvalent level 0, CICG (in camera)

<sup>1</sup> Information as at 14 October, at 6 p.m.

2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	<b>Committee on Middle East Questions</b>	<b>Espace polyvalent level 0, CIGG (in camera)</b>
2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.	<b>Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law</b>	<b>Room 18 level -1, CIGG (in camera)</b>
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	<b>Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Interactive debate on <i>Shaping a new system of water governance: Promoting parliamentary action on water</i> <i>Panellists:</i> Mr. Alejandro Iza, Director of Environmental Law Programme, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN); Mr. Jean-Benoît Charrin, Executive Director, Waterlex; Ms. Nola Marino, MP (Australia); and Mr. Fernando Bustamante, MP (Ecuador)</li> <li>♦ Elections to the Bureau</li> </ul>	<b>Room 2 level 0, CIGG</b>
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	<b>Standing Committee on Peace and International Security</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Panel discussion on <i>Cyber warfare – A serious threat to peace and global security</i> <i>Panellists:</i> Mr. Marco Obiso, ITU; Mr. Danil Kerimi, World Economic Forum (WEF); Mr. Aapo Cederberg, Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP); and Mr. Laurent Gisel, ICRC</li> <li>♦ Elections to the Bureau</li> </ul>	<b>Room 1 level 1, CIGG</b>
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	<b>Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians</b>	<b>Room 15 level -1, CIGG (in camera)</b>
5 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	<b>Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <b>Item 4:</b> <i>International law as it relates to national sovereignty, non-intervention in the internal affairs of States and human rights</i> – Adoption of the draft resolution</li> <li>♦ Proposals for the subject item of the next resolution of the Committee – Nomination of co-Rapporteurs</li> <li>♦ Proposals for the agenda of the Committee at the 132<sup>nd</sup> Assembly (Hanoi, March 2015) and the 133<sup>rd</sup> Assembly (Geneva, October 2015)</li> <li>♦ Elections to the Bureau</li> </ul>	<b>Rooms 3 &amp; 4 level 0, CIGG</b>

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### Preview of main programme for Thursday, 16 October

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8 a.m. – 10 a.m.	<b>Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians</b>	<b>Espace polyvalent level 0, CIGG (in camera)</b>
	<b>Governing Council</b> Consideration of items remaining on the agenda, including:	<b>Room 1 level 1, CIGG</b>
9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Election of the President of the IPU</li> <li>♦ Reports and resolutions of the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians</li> <li>♦ Reports on recent IPU specialized meetings</li> </ul>	
2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Tribute to the outgoing President of the IPU, Mr. Abdelwahad Radi</li> <li>♦ Reports of Standing Committees and other bodies</li> <li>♦ Elections and appointments</li> </ul>	

5.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.

**Assembly – Closing sitting**

Room 1  
level 1, CICG

- ♦ Resolution of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights (Item 4)
- ♦ Reports of the Standing Committees on Peace and International Security; Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade; and United Nations Affairs (Item 5)
- ♦ Approval of the subject item for the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights at the 133<sup>rd</sup> IPU Assembly and appointment of the co-Rapporteurs (Item 6)
- ♦ Outcome document of the general debate
- ♦ Closure of the Assembly

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## OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### **Today, Wednesday, 15 October 2014**

12.45 p.m. – 2.15 p.m.

**Side event with the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH), World Health Organization**

Room 18  
level -1, CICG

*Leaving no woman, child or adolescent behind: Accelerating parliamentary action in reducing maternal and child mortality to reach the Millennium Development Goals*

A light lunch will be served outside Room 18 prior to the event.

### **Friday, 17 October 2014**

10 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.

**Workshop on Good Nuclear Disarmament Practice**

IPU headquarters

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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 **12 noon today, Wednesday 15 October**. The final List of Delegates will be published on the IPU website.
- ♦ **Exhibition marking the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of IPU – *Parliamentary action to promote peace and democracy*:** The exhibition is on display on Quai Wilson in Geneva until 19 October 2014.
- ♦ **IPU gift items:** On the occasion of the 131<sup>st</sup> Assembly, IPU logo gift items will be on sale, between 12 noon and 2 p.m., at a stand located close to the Registration Desk (ground floor, CICG), until Thursday, 16 October. Please note that only Swiss francs are accepted.

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## MEDIA INFORMATION



Take part in or follow the Assembly debates through **Twitter** using #IPU131 ([www.twitter.com/ipuparliament](http://www.twitter.com/ipuparliament)).



Photos from the Assembly are available for free download and use at <http://www.ipu.org/131pics>.

\* \* \* For all media enquiries, contact Ms. J. Pandya or Mr. F. Puchol (Press Service, ground floor, CICG). \* \* \*

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

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

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### **STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX**

Today, 15 October 2014, at the last sitting of each Standing Committee, the following elections will be held:

Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

**Two vacancies:** One vacancy each for the African Group and the Asia-Pacific Group to be filled by a man or a woman.

*To date, the following candidature has been received:*

– Mr. J.R. Tau (South Africa), submitted by the African Group.

Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade

**Four vacancies:** One vacancy each for the Asia-Pacific Group and the Twelve Plus Group to be filled by a man or a woman; and two vacancies for the Eurasia Group, at least one of which must be filled by a woman.

*To date, the following candidatures have been received:*

- Ms. S. Tioulong (Cambodia), submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group;
- Ms. S. de Bethune (Belgium), submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights

**One vacancy** for the Eurasia Group to be filled by a man.

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

**Five vacancies:** One vacancy for the African Group to be filled by a man or a woman; and two vacancies each for the Asia-Pacific Group and the Eurasia Group, at least one of which must be filled by a woman.

*To date, the following candidatures have been received:*

- Mr. S. Chiheb (Algeria), submitted by the African Group;
- Ms. E. Nursanty (Indonesia) and Mr. J. Jahangirzadeh (Islamic Republic of Iran), submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group.

*Candidatures for the above vacancies may be submitted up to the time of the elections.*

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On 16 October 2014, the Governing Council will 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 9.30 a.m. today, Wednesday, 15 October 2014 (9 a.m. for the Group of Facilitators for Cyprus).

**PRESIDENT OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION**

*To date, the following candidatures have been received:*

- Ms. N. Ali Assegaf (Indonesia);
- Ms. B. Bishop (Australia);
- Mr. S.H. Chowdhury (Bangladesh);
- Mr. A. Shahid (Maldives).

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Governing Council will be required to elect **three members**: one member each for the African Group, the Asia-Pacific Group and the Twelve Plus Group.

*To date, the following candidatures have been received:*

- Ms. Z. Drif Bitat (Algeria), submitted by the African Group;
- Mr. M. Uesugi (Japan), submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group;
- Mr. R. del Picchia (France), submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

**COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES**

Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

The Governing Council will be required to elect **one titular member**.

*To date, the following candidature has been received:*

- Mr. B. Fabritius (Germany), submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

Committee on Middle East Questions

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

*To date, the following candidature has been received:*

- Mr. M. Tašner Vatovec (Slovenia), submitted as titular member;
- Mr. R. Munawar (Indonesia), submitted as substitute member;
- Mr. F. Müri (Switzerland), submitted as substitute member.

Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

The Governing Council will be required to elect **five members**: two members (one man and one woman) from the Asia-Pacific Group and one member (male) each from GRULAC, the Twelve Plus Group and the Eurasia Group.

*To date, the following candidature has been received:*

- Mr. L.F. Duque García (Colombia), submitted by GRULAC.

Group of Facilitators for Cyprus

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

**APPOINTMENT OF TWO INTERNAL AUDITORS FOR THE 2015 ACCOUNTS**

The Governing Council will appoint **two Internal Auditors** for the 2015 fiscal year.

*To date, the following candidature has been received:*

- Mr. D. Pacheco (Portugal), submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

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