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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 Assembly, the President of the IPU and the Vice-President of the Executive Committee, as well as the Presidents of the Standing Committees.</i>	Hall No. 6 (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace (in camera)
8.30 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.	Board of the Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU	Reading Room (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace (in camera)
9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	Bureau of the Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs	Hall No. 16 (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace (in camera)
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	Governing Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Election of the President of the Assembly♦ Reports by the IPU President and Secretary General♦ Democracy moment♦ Launch of the <i>Global Parliamentary Report 2017 – Parliamentary oversight: Parliament's power to hold government to account</i>♦ Questions relating to IPU membership♦ Financial situation of the IPU♦ Draft programme and budget for 2018 (time permitting)	Dumsky Hall (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace
9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Item 4: Sharing our diversity: The 20th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Democracy<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Presentation of the draft resolution; debate<i>co-Rapporteurs:</i> – Ms. S. Dev (India)– Mr. N. Schrijver (Netherlands)– Mr. I. Umakhanov (Russian Federation)	Hall No. 1 (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace

GENERAL DEBATE – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Seating arrangements in view of high attendance – Dumsky Hall (Plenary): Due to the architectural constraints of the Hall, the seating set-up cannot be modified and seating is limited. Each delegation will be allocated a maximum of four seats. As there is no second row of chairs, advisers and secretaries should sit next to their parliamentary delegates, wherever possible. Additional seating is available in the gallery of Dumsky Hall on the first floor.

Interpretation: Delegates may, exceptionally, use another language provided that they arrange for their speech to be interpreted into one of the IPU's official languages (English and French) by a member of their delegation who will be given access to an interpretation booth. To allow for arrangements to be made in good time, delegations should contact, well in advance, the Chief Interpreter (Ms. F. Steinig-Huang) or the English booth interpreters assigned to the meeting at which the speech will be delivered. Moreover, eight copies of the speech translated into one of the IPU's official languages should be given to the Chief Interpreter or to the English booth for distribution to the other interpreters. Electronic copies of speeches should be e-mailed in PDF format to speeches@ipu.org, a minimum of three hours before the speech is to be made, so as to ensure a high quality of simultaneous interpretation into the other working languages.

Publication of speeches: The texts of official statements delivered in the General Debate (English, French and Spanish) will be published on the Assembly web page and be part of the records of the Assembly. Please note that the IPU Secretariat is not in a position to translate the texts of speeches.

¹ Information as at 6 p.m. on 14 October.

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Contribution to the work of the 137th Assembly ♦ Update and discussion on the Forum's workplan and activities (2017-2018) ♦ Preparations for the 138th Assembly ♦ Hearing with candidates for the post of President of the IPU ♦ Briefing on the 19th World Festival of Youth and Students (Sochi, October 2017) 	Multifunctional Hall (2 nd floor) Parliamentary Centre
11 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Bureau of the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade	Hall No. 16 (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace (<i>in camera</i>)
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Inaugural session of the General Debate on <i>Promoting cultural pluralism and peace through inter-faith and inter-ethnic dialogue</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Keynote address by Ms Rita Izsák-Ndiaye, UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination ♦ High-level segment of the General Debate (A list of speakers is available.) 	Dumsky Hall (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace
2 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. 2.30 p.m. – 5 p.m. 5 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Continuation of the General Debate ♦ Decision on the emergency item 	
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Panel discussion on <i>The parliamentary dimension to the United Nations – 20 years in the making</i> <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Anti Avsan, MP (Sweden) <i>Presenters:</i> Ms. Anda Filip, Director of External Relations, IPU Mr. Dennis Dawson, MP (Canada) ♦ Panel discussion on <i>The role of the UN General Assembly in international governance: What path forward?</i> <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Anti Avsan, MP (Sweden) <i>Presenters:</i> Ambassador Tomas Christensen (Denmark), former Chief of Staff to the President of the General Assembly Ms. Monika Bartos, MP (Hungary) 	Multifunctional Hall (2 nd floor) Parliamentary Centre
2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians The Committee will hold hearings on cases in Cambodia, Maldives and Palestine.	Hall No. 16 (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace (<i>in camera</i>)
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Item 4: <i>Sharing our diversity: The 20th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Democracy</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Drafting of the resolution in plenary 	Hall No. 1 (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace
3 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Interactive session on Key findings from the 2017 Global Parliamentary Report on oversight <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Charles Chauvel, Team Leader, Inclusive Political Processes, Governance and Peacebuilding, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) <i>Panellists:</i> Mr. David Carter, Speaker of the House of Representatives (New Zealand) Ms. Claudia Roth, Deputy Speaker of the German Bundestag Ms. Pia Cayetano, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives (Philippines) Ms. Alexandra Jerkov, Member of the National Assembly (Serbia) Ms. Kareen Jabre, Director, Division of Programmes, IPU	Reading Room (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace (<u>English and French only</u>)

8 p.m.	Reception in honour of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians hosted by Ms. Valentina Matvienko, Chairperson of the Council of the Federation, Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation	Marble Palace
	Kindly <u>note</u> that seating for the reception is limited. Invitations were distributed to women parliamentarians at the Forum of Women Parliamentarians on Saturday, 14 October. Any women parliamentarians who did not receive an invitation and who wish to attend the reception are kindly requested to send an email to cfipo@yandex.ru in order for their name to be included in the guest list.	
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Preview of main programme for Monday, 16 October

<u>9 a.m. – 1 p.m.</u>	Assembly	Dumsky Hall (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Debate on the emergency item ◆ Continuation of the General Debate 	
10.30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Keynote address by Patriarch Kirill, Chair of the CIS Inter-Religious Council 	
<u>2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Continuation of the General Debate 	
9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights	Hall No. 1 (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Item 4: <i>Sharing our diversity: The 20th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Democracy</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Finalization of the draft resolution in plenary 	
2.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade	Multifunctional Hall (2 nd floor) Parliamentary Centre
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Briefing on <i>The parliamentary contribution to the 2017 UN Climate Change Conference</i> 	
4 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Debate on <i>Engaging the private sector in implementing the SDGs, especially on renewable energy</i> 	
8 p.m.	Gala reception for Heads of delegation hosted by Ms. Valentina Matvienko, Chairperson of the Council of the Federation, Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation	Catherine Palace
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OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Today, Sunday, 15 October 2017

1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.	Interactive session on <i>Ending AIDS through improving sexual and reproductive health: The need for urgent parliamentary action</i> , organized by the IPU, the World Health Organization (WHO), The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH) and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)	Reading Room (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace
	A light lunch will be provided.	

Monday, 16 October 2017

3.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Interactive session on <i>The UN process for the prohibition of nuclear weapons: What hope for nuclear disarmament?</i>	Hall No. 1 (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace
	<i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Anti Avsan, MP (Sweden)	
	<i>Keynote speakers:</i> H.E. Ambassador Elayne Whyte-Gómez (Costa Rica), President of the UN Conference to Negotiate a Legally Binding Instrument to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons, Leading towards their Total Elimination Mr. Bruce Blair, President and Founder of Global Zero	
	<i>Discussants:</i> Senator Laura Rojas Hernández (Mexico) Mr. Alyn Ware, Global Coordinator, Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and International Security Mr. Jean-Marie Collin, Associate Researcher at the Group for Research and Information on Peace and Security (GRIP) and Co-Chair of the French Steering Group for the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN-France)	

Tuesday, 17 October 2017

- 9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. **e-Parliament interactive session on *The digital tools that parliamentarians use to do their work*** Hall No. 1
(ground floor)
Tavrishesky Palace
(English and French only)
- 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. **Standing Committee on Peace and International Security** Multifunctional Hall
(2nd floor)
Parliamentary Centre
- 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. ♦ Panel discussion on *The role of parliament in monitoring the action of national armed forces participating in UN peacekeeping operations*
- 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. ♦ Panel discussion on *The implementation of a previous resolution on cyber warfare (Hanoi, 2015)*
- 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. **Open session of the Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law** Hall No. 1
(ground floor)
Tavrishesky Palace
- Panel discussion on *Forty years since the adoption of the Additional Protocol to the Geneva Conventions: How does the law still protect in contemporary war?*
- Moderator:* Mr. Philippe Mahoux, former Senator (Belgium)
- Panellists:* Mr. Juan Manuel Corzo, Senator (Colombia)
Mr. Benjamin Charlier, Legal Adviser, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
Ms. Marie Lequin Coutin, Head of Eurasia Region, Geneva Call
- 11 p.m. – 1 p.m. **Parity debate on *Holding the purse strings: Exercising oversight for the common good***, organized by the Forum of Women Parliamentarians Dumsky Hall
(ground floor)
Tavrishesky Palace
- 4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. **Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade** Hall No. 1
(ground floor)
Tavrishesky Palace
- Panel discussion on *Using science and research to achieve the highest health standards*

Wednesday, 18 October 2017

- 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. **Standing Committee on Peace and International Security** Hall No. 1
(ground floor)
Tavrishesky Palace
- Expert hearing on *Sustaining peace as a vehicle for achieving sustainable development*

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* ***OTHER INFORMATION**

- ♦ **Assembly App:** As part of the IPU's PaperSmart policy and also to enhance delegates' participation in IPU Assemblies, an application is available which facilitates the online consultation of Assembly documents and provides access to Assembly-related information. The "137 App" can be downloaded through the CrowdCompass Attendee Hub via the store links at <http://archive.ipu.org/conf-e/137agnd.htm> or by personal email invitation by sending a request to sas@ipu.org. The password required by the App may be obtained from the App Helpdesk, which is located in the Kupolny Hall (opposite the Information Counter) on the ground floor of the Tavrishesky Palace. A user manual is available at <http://archive.ipu.org/conf-e/137/App-usermanual.pdf>.
- ♦ **Print-on-demand service:** This service is available at the Typing Pool and Photocopying Service for those delegates who wish to obtain a copy of a document published on the IPU Assembly web page.
- ♦ **List of participants:** Delegations are reminded that the provisional list of participants is available for consultation on the Assembly App and that only a limited number of copies have been printed. A printed copy may be obtained, upon request, from the Document Distribution Service. In order to ensure the accuracy of the final list of participants, delegations are kindly requested to report any changes to Ms. Marina Filippin at the Registration Desk by **12 noon on Tuesday, 17 October**. The final list of participants will be published on the IPU website.
- ♦ **Livre d'or for the outgoing President of the IPU:** Delegates are invited to write a message for Mr. Saber Chowdhury in the *livre d'or* at the Publications Stand located near the Plenary Room (Dumsky Hall).
- ♦ **2018 Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations:** The Parliamentary Hearing, entitled *Towards a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration: The contribution of parliaments*, will take place on 22-23 February 2018 in New York. A formal convocation letter will be circulated to all Parliaments by 15 November. Please check the IPU website at <http://www.ipu.org> for regular updates.

- ♦ **Usability study on the new online IPU Open Data Platform:** The IPU invites delegates to take part in this study. If you work with, or are interested in, data on Parliaments, we would like to hear from you. To take part, please visit the Publications Stand (Ekaterininsky Hall, ground floor, Tavrichesky Palace, next to the Open TV Studio) between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. from today until Tuesday 17 October, and ask for Ms. Silvia Tomanin. Alternatively, please contact Ms. Tomanin by email at sto@ipu.org to arrange an appointment.

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MEDIA INFORMATION

- ♦ Watch the 137th Assembly live at <https://ipu137russia.org/> or <http://www.ipu.org>.



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Follow the IPU on @IPUparliament, the Forum of Women Parliamentarians on #WomenMPs and the Forum of Young Parliamentarians on #youngMPs.



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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 137th ASSEMBLY

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

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On 18 October 2017, the Governing Council will hold elections and make appointments as outlined below. Candidatures (a signed letter and a one-page curriculum vitae) may be submitted to the Submission and Control of Documents Service (Atrium, ground floor, Tavrichesky Palace) up to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 17 October 2017. Candidates for the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians vacancies are required to complete the vacancies form available at <http://archive.ipu.org/hr-e/miscel/form-chrp.pdf>.

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PRESIDENT OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. G. Cuevas Barron (Mexico);
- Ms. I. Passada (Uruguay).

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Governing Council will elect **four members**: one member (male) to complete the term for the African Group; and three members (one female and two male) for the Twelve Plus Group, one of whom is to complete the term for the Group.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

- Mr. K.M. Lusaka (Kenya): candidature submitted by the Parliament of Kenya, to complete the term of his predecessor.

COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

The Governing Council will elect **four members** (ideally two female and two male), preferably two members from the African Group and two members from the Twelve Plus Group.

Committee on Middle East Questions

The Governing Council will elect **three members** (two female and one male).

To date, the following candidature has been received:

– *Mr. G. Mihaylov (Bulgaria): candidature submitted by the National Assembly of Bulgaria.*

Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

The Governing Council will elect **four members**: one member (female) for the African Group; one member (female) for the Eurasia Group; one member (male) for the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC); and one member (male) for the Twelve Plus Group.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

– *Ms. E. Vtorygina (Russian Federation): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group;*

– *Mr. D. Chukolov (Bulgaria): candidature submitted by the National Assembly of Bulgaria.*

APPOINTMENT OF TWO INTERNAL AUDITORS FOR THE 2018 ACCOUNTS

The Governing Council will appoint **two Internal Auditors** for the 2018 accounts.

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BOARD OF THE FORUM OF YOUNG PARLIAMENTARIANS

At its meeting today, Sunday, 15 October 2017, the Forum will elect **one member** (male) to its Board for the Eurasia Group.

The following candidature has been received:

– *Mr. B. Maken (Kazakhstan): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group.*

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STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

The following elections to the Bureaux will be held:

Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

Two members: One member (female or male) for the Asia-Pacific Group; and one member (female) for the Twelve Plus Group.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

– *Mr. B. Kambhampati (India): candidature submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group.*

Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade

Two members: One member (female or male) for the African Group; and one member (female) for GRULAC.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

– *Mr. M. Djellab (Algeria): candidature submitted by the African Group.*

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

One member: One member (female) for the African Group.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

– *Ms. A.D. Dagban-Zonvide (Togo): candidature submitted by the African Group.*

Candidatures for the above vacancies may be submitted by the geopolitical groups concerned up to the time of the elections.

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