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| Time | Meeting | Place |
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| 9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. | Committee on Middle East Questions | Salle Genève CCV Annexe, CIGC (in camera) |
| 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Assembly ♦ Item 8 (emergency item) – Climate change – let us not cross the line – Debate ♦ Continuation of the General Debate on <i>Parliamentary leadership in promoting peace and development in the age of innovation and technological change</i> | Room 1 level 1, CIGC |
| 9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. | Bureau of the Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs | Room 18 level -1, CIGC (in camera) |
| 9 a.m. – 12 noon | Advisory Group on Health | Room 15 level -1, CIGC (in camera) (in English only) |
| 9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians The Committee will hold hearings on cases in the Russian Federation, Cambodia and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. | Salle Lausanne CCV Annexe, CIGC (in camera) |
| 9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights ♦ Item 4: Strengthening inter-parliamentary cooperation on migration and migration governance in view of the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration – Drafting of the resolution in plenary | Rooms 3 & 4 level 0, CIGC |

GENERAL DEBATE – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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 by a member of their delegation who will be given access to an interpretation booth. To allow for all necessary 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 translation of the speech 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. Emailing the speech to speeches@ipu.org, a minimum of three hours before the speech is to be made, will also help to ensure a high quality of simultaneous interpretation into the other working languages.

Publication of speeches: As far as possible, the texts of official statements delivered in the General Debate are published on the Assembly web page and form part of the records of the Assembly. Due to technical limitations, only speeches in English, French and Spanish will be published. Please note that the IPU Secretariat is not in a position to translate the texts of speeches.

¹ Information as at 5 p.m. on 15 October.

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| 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. | <p>Panel discussion: <i>Where do parliaments stand in the fight against sexism and harassment?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Launch of <i>Sexism, harassment and violence against women in parliaments in Europe</i>, a regional study prepared jointly by the IPU and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) ♦ Interactive discussion | Room 2 level 0, CICG |
| 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. | <p>Panel discussion: <i>The role of parliaments in combating terrorism and violent extremism</i></p> | Salle Genève CCV Annexe, CICG |
| 1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m. | <p>Side event on <i>Legislating on food and nutrition: Lessons learned, challenges and opportunities for parliamentary action</i></p> <p>Event co-organized by the IPU, the World Health Organization (WHO), The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement</p> | Room 18 level -1, CICG |
| 2.30 p.m. – 4 p.m. | <p>Panel discussion: <i>Building bridges between the parliamentary and scientific communities</i></p> | Salle Genève CCV Annexe, CICG |
| 2.30 p.m. – 4 p.m. | <p>Bureau of the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security</p> | Salle Lausanne CCV Annexe, CICG <i>(in camera)</i> |
| 2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. | <p>Assembly</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Continuation of the General Debate ♦ Special session to mark the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Video on the Nelson Mandela centennial › Interactive debate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Marc Limon, Director of the Universal Rights Group (URG) <i>Panellists:</i> Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron, President of the IPU Mr. Toby Mendel, Executive Director, Centre for Law and Democracy Ms. Fawzia Koofi (Afghanistan), MP ♦ Launch of <i>Handbook for Parliamentarians No. 28 – Freedom of expression for parliaments and their members: Importance and scope of protection</i> ♦ Adoption of a Declaration to mark the UDHR anniversary | Room 1 level 1, CICG |
| 2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. | <p>Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Item 4: <i>Strengthening inter-parliamentary cooperation on migration and migration governance in view of the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Finalization of the draft resolution in plenary | Rooms 3 & 4 level 0, CICG |
| 2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. | <p>Drafting committee on the emergency item</p> <p><i>Geopolitical Groups are requested to submit the names of their representatives in the drafting committee before the start of its work.</i></p> | Room 18 level -1, CICG <i>(in camera)</i> |
| 4.30 p.m. – 6 p.m. | <p>Bureau of the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade</p> | Salle Lausanne CCV Annexe, CICG <i>(in camera)</i> |
| 4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. | <p>Panel discussion: <i>What can MPs do to sort fact from fiction in the age of fake news?</i></p> | Salle Genève CCV Annexe, CICG |

Preview of main programme for Wednesday, 17 October

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| 9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. | Parity debate on <i>Ensuring that children enjoy their rights and grow up protected from violence</i> | Room 2 level 0, CICC |
| 9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Assembly ♦ Continuation of the General Debate | Room 1 level 1, CICC |
| 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Standing Committee on Peace and International Security ♦ Expert hearing on <i>Non-admissibility of using mercenaries as a means of undermining peace and violating human rights</i> ♦ Elections and future programme of work | Room 2 level 0, CICC |
| 11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Open session of the Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law on <i>Ending Statelessness by 2024 – Pledges, Action and Results</i> | Room 18 level -1, CICC |
| 2.30 p.m. – 4 p.m. | Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights ♦ Item 4: <i>Strengthening inter-parliamentary cooperation on migration and migration governance in view of the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration</i> – Adoption of the draft resolution ♦ Consideration of proposals for the Committee's agenda at the 141 st Assembly | Rooms 3 & 4 level 0, CICC |
| 2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. 2.30 p.m. – 3 p.m. 3 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. | Assembly ♦ Continuation of the General Debate ♦ Item 8 (emergency item) – <i>Climate change – let us not cross the line</i> – Adoption of the resolution | Room 1 level 1, CICC |
| 3.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. | ♦ Conclusion of the General Debate | |
| 2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. | Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs ♦ Panel discussions: › <i>Would a UN intergovernmental tax body help resolve outstanding issues of corporate tax evasion?</i> › <i>What scope for cooperation between parliaments and WHO as the leading UN agency for global health?</i> ♦ Elections | Room 2 level 0, CICC |
| 4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. | Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade ♦ Panel discussion on <i>Taking forward the IPU resolution entitled "Engaging the private sector in implementing the SDGs, especially on renewable energy"</i> ♦ Elections and future programme of work | Rooms 3 & 4 level 0, CICC |

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OTHER ASSEMBLY ACTIVITIES

- ◆ **Knowledge Fair for Innovation and Technology:** A number of stands have been set up on the ground floor of the CIGC with a view to providing an opportunity for delegates to interact with members of the scientific community. Exhibitors include the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN), Raspberry Pi Foundation, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), Geneva Water Hub and Waterlex. The Fair is open daily until Thursday, 18 October during Assembly hours.
- ◆ **CERN visit:** MPs are invited to sign up for a guided tour of CERN, offered in English, French and Spanish, which will take place at lunchtime each day. Interested MPs should register online on <https://indico.cern.ch/event/759534/>. Places are limited and will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- ◆ **Exhibition to mark the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights:** Delegates are invited to view an exhibition, set up by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), which is on display near the top of the escalator, level 1, CIGC.
- ◆ **Preview of *The Price of Free*:** Delegates are invited to a screening of this award-winning documentary on child labour, which will be released worldwide on 14 November as part of the *100 Million* campaign co-founded by Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi. The film will be shown on 17 October, from 12.30 p.m. to 2 p.m., in Rooms 3 and 4, level 0, CIGC.
- ◆ **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Pew Research Center event: *Exploring understanding of the social contract through the analysis of citizen perceptions*:** The event (in English only), which will take place today, Tuesday, 16 October, from 1 p.m. to 2.30 p.m., in Room 15, level -1, CIGC, will present the preliminary findings of a study to understand the broad picture of global public opinion regarding the social contract between citizen and State. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, write to Emanuele.sapienza@undp.org.

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OTHER INFORMATION

***** IMPORTANT INFORMATION – DEMONSTRATIONS IN GENEVA *****

On Tuesday, 16 October and Wednesday, 17 October, there will be large demonstrations in Geneva town centre by some Swiss trade unions. It is expected that between 6 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. traffic and public transportation will be disrupted or delayed. Delegates are advised to allow plenty of time for their journey to the CIGC on these two days.

- ◆ **IMPORTANT INFORMATION – CHANGE TO PROGRAMME FOR 17 OCTOBER:** Please note that the following change has been made to the programme of meetings for the afternoon of Wednesday, 17 October:
 - The Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights will now meet from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Rooms 3 and 4.
 - The Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade will now meet from 4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. in Rooms 3 and 4.
- ◆ **Assembly App:** As part of the IPU's PaperSmart policy, an App is available which facilitates the online consultation of Assembly documents and provides access to Assembly-related information. It can be downloaded from the App Store on iOS devices and Play Store on Android (CrowdCompass AttendeeHub). Once downloaded, open the AttendeeHub app and enter "IPU 139 Assembly". New feature: it is now possible for delegations to post their brochure on the App. Any delegation that wishes to take advantage of this new service should forward the file in pdf format (not more than 10MB) to sas@ipu.org.
- ◆ **Print-on-demand service:** This service is available from 14 to 18 October at the Typing Pool and Photocopying Service (level -1 of the CIGC, close to the Internet Corner) for those delegates who wish to obtain additional copies of any documents published on the IPU Assembly web page.
- ◆ **IPU Assemblies in your pocket:** This new booklet, which provides an overview of IPU Assembly procedures, is available on the App and IPU Assembly web page. Delegations will also receive copies of the printed version in their pigeonholes.
- ◆ **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. 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 Wednesday, 17 October 2018**. The final List of Participants will be published on the IPU website.
- ◆ **IPU gift items:** IPU logo gift items are on sale at a stand located on level 0 of the CIGC, in the area near the Publications Stand and Selfie Box. The stand is open daily until Thursday, 18 October, between 12 noon and 2 p.m. Please note that only cash in Swiss francs (CHF) will be accepted.

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COMMUNICATIONS INFORMATION

- ♦ **Social media:** Follow or join in the discussions at the Assembly on social media.
On Twitter: [IPUparliament](#) On Instagram: [ipu.parliament_official](#) On Facebook: [InterParliamentaryUnion](#)
Useful hashtags: #IPU139, #WomenMPs, #YoungMPs, #MeToo, #Standup4humanrights
- ♦ **Photos:** All official Assembly photographs will be uploaded on Flickr at regular times during the day: www.ipu.org/139pics.
Please credit: Inter-Parliamentary Union.
- ♦ **Time for a selfie?** To mark the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and in partnership with the OHCHR, a selfie box has been set up on the ground floor near the main entrance of the CICG. The box allows selfies to be taken with the first line of Article 1 of the Declaration "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights". Pictures can then be shared on social media to support the anniversary using the hashtags #Standup4humanrights and #IPU139.
- ♦ **Media enquiries:** For any media enquiries, please contact Thomas Fitzsimons on tf@ipu.org or +41 79 854 31 53.
- ♦ **Publications:** All of the IPU's most recent reports, handbooks, toolkits and guides are available at the Publications Stand on the ground floor of the CICG.

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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 139th ASSEMBLY

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

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For all vacancies, candidatures should be accompanied by a signed cover letter and a brief (one-page maximum) curriculum vitae, as well as a completed contact information form (see www.ipu.org/download/5026). In addition, candidatures for the Standing Committee Bureaux should include a written commitment from the candidate's parliament.

Candidatures from the geopolitical groups concerned, and, where applicable, from candidates, may be submitted to the Submission and Control of Documents Service (Office 224/225, level 2, CICG), up to 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 17 October 2018 for the Committees and other bodies. For the Standing Committee Bureaux, candidatures may be submitted up to the time of the elections.

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On 18 October 2018, the Governing Council will hold elections and make appointments as outlined below.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. G.G. Ngothe (Chad): candidature submitted by the African Group;
- Mr. G. Chen (China): candidature submitted by the Asia-Pacific Group;
- Mr. M. Grujic (Serbia): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

Committee on Middle East Questions

The Governing Council will be required to elect **four members** (three male, one female).

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. A.A. Jama (Somalia): candidature submitted by the African Group;
- Mr. J.G. Correa (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela): candidature submitted by the Group of Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC);
- Mr. R. De Roon (Netherlands) and Mr. L. Wehrli (Switzerland): candidatures submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

The Governing Council will be required to elect **five members**: one member (male) each for the Africa Group, the Asia-Pacific Group and the Eurasia Group; and one member (female) each for GRULAC and the Twelve Plus Group.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. M. Rodgers (Zambia): candidature submitted by the African Group;
- Ms. G. del Carmen Bañuelos (Mexico): candidature submitted by GRULAC;
- Ms. Á. Vadai (Hungary): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

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APPOINTMENT OF TWO INTERNAL AUDITORS FOR THE 2019 ACCOUNTS

The Governing Council will appoint **two Internal Auditors** for the 2019 fiscal year.

To date the following candidature has been received:

– *Mr. R. del Picchia (France): candidature submitted by the candidate.*

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STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

The following elections to the Bureaux will be held.

Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

Two vacancies: One vacancy for the Eurasia Group, to be filled by a woman or a man; and one vacancy for the Twelve Plus Group, to be filled by a woman.

To date, the following candidature has been received:

– *Ms. A. Shkrum (Ukraine): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.*

Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade

Three vacancies: One vacancy each for the African Group and the Asia-Pacific Group, to be filled by women; and one vacancy for the Eurasia Group, to be filled by a man.

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

– *Ms. V.M. Tsitsi (Zimbabwe): candidature submitted by the African Group to fill the vacancy and complete the term of President;*

– *Mr. A. Simonyan (Armenia): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group to complete the term of Armenia.*

Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs

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

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

– *Mr. P. Katjavivi (Namibia): candidature submitted by the African Group;*

– *Mr. M. Melkumyan (Armenia): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group;*

– *Ms. A. Theologou (Cyprus) and Mr. L. Iemets (Ukraine): candidatures submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.*

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