





Abu Dhabi Session of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO

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ADDITIONAL PRACTICAL INFORMATION

This document is designed to supplement the practical information note, which was distributed together with the invitation letter on 20 December 2023.

Badges

We are pleased to inform parliamentary delegates that those who will not be part of their national delegation at the MC13 will receive a badge marked *MC13 Chair Guest*. This badge will give them access to the venue of the annual session of the Parliamentary Conference, Hall 10, as well as other MC13 events, except those taking place in Restricted Areas.

These badges can be collected at the IPU-FNC reception desk, Hall 1, ADNEC, from 23 to 25 February 2024, 09:00 to 17:00 upon the presentation of identification.

Issuance of badges on the spot (i.e. without prior registration) cannot be guaranteed.

Debates

To enable the session to achieve its expected goal and to facilitate the necessary interplay of ideas, the Steering Committee has made the following arrangements:

(a) As there will be **no pre-established list of speakers** on any agenda item, delegates wishing to take the floor should use special **registration forms**, available in the meeting room, to notify the Chair of the session of the specific point they wish to address or question they wish to ask.

(b) Subject to any other arrangements made by the Chair in the course of proceedings, **statements may not exceed four minutes**. Delegates may, however, speak **several times** on each item, particularly in response to other statements.

(c) The Chair will give the floor to delegates in an **order that is conducive to a lively exchange of opinions**. When calling on each speaker, the Chair will also announce the following speaker.

(d) There will be **no formal record** of the debate.

Documents

Due to the paperless policy in force in the UAE, no hard copy of the working documents will be made available. The documents can be downloaded from the IPU website, a link to which will be provided in Hall 10 in the form of a QR code.

List of participants

The arrangement above also applies to the provisional list of participants. Delegates are kindly informed that it will not be possible to publish a revised list on the spot. The final list will be made available on the IPU website soon after the session. In order to ensure its accuracy, participants and observers are requested to advise the Registration Desk of any corrections to be made to the provisional list by **14:00** on **Sunday**, **25 February** at the latest.

Transportation

Delegates are permitted to use the shuttle buses arranged by the WTO. Information on the departure time of these shuttles will be available from the reception desk of the official hotels.