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# 139<sup>th</sup> IPU ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

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## FORUM OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS 28<sup>th</sup> SESSION

Geneva, 14 October 2018

Forum of Women Parliamentarians  
Agenda

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### I. MEETING SCHEDULE AND SPEAKING ARRANGEMENTS

The 28<sup>th</sup> session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians will be held at the *Centre International de Conférences Genève* (CICG), Switzerland, on Sunday, 14 October 2018, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. The Forum will hold a Parity Debate on Wednesday, 17 October 2018, from 9 to 11 a.m.

The session is meant to elicit spontaneous and active debate. Speaking time may not exceed three minutes. There will be no formal list of speakers. In plenary, participants will be able to request the floor by completing the form to be found on the desks.

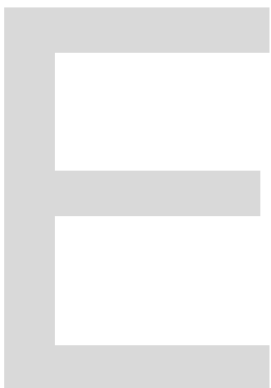
### II. ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

#### 1. Adoption of the agenda

#### 2. Activities to advance gender equality

- (a) Report of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians  
Participants will be briefed about the Bureau's deliberations at its sessions in Geneva on 24 March and 14 October 2018.
- (b) Report of the Gender Partnership Group  
Participants will be briefed about the work and recommendations of the Group. The Group works to ensure gender equality within the IPU. It initiates reforms in this area and oversees their implementation. It is composed of two men and two women members of the Executive Committee.
- (c) Update on recent IPU activities for the promotion of gender equality  
Participants will be briefed about IPU's recent activities to promote gender equality.

*The discussion will conclude by 11.15 a.m.*



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### 3. **Contributing to the work of the 139<sup>th</sup> Assembly from a gender perspective**

Participants will be invited to discuss the draft resolution on "Strengthening inter-parliamentary cooperation on migration and migration governance in view of the adoption of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration" that is on the agenda of the 139<sup>th</sup> Assembly (Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights). Participants will discuss the draft resolution from a gender perspective and issue recommendations on amendments to be submitted by the Forum of Women Parliamentarians to the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights. For this purpose they will work in two groups, each covering one topic as follows:

Group 1 will discuss: "Women on the move: Protection from trafficking and all forms of violence"

Group 2 will discuss: "Migrant women: Inclusion, work and rights in the host countries"

After a short presentation on the draft resolution, the Forum will split into the discussion groups. On the recommendation of its Bureau, the Forum will designate a chairperson and a rapporteur for each group. The rapporteurs will submit the groups' recommendations to the Forum of Women Parliamentarians at its afternoon sitting.

*Each group will meet from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

*The Forum will resume its work at 2.30 p.m.*

### 4. **Panel discussion on the theme *Gender equality in science and technology***

Innovations and advances in science and technology are connecting individuals, groups and societies at unprecedented levels. They are changing society, education and work. They can offer opportunities in terms of productivity, welfare gains and individual empowerment. But they also come with challenges of unemployment and increasing inequalities. High growth sectors such as technology risk to further widen the gender gap between men and women at work. Automation risks hitting women even harder than men. It is already known that 57% of the jobs set to be displaced by technology between now and 2026 belong to women.<sup>1</sup>

Participants will be invited to share views and experiences on how to ensure that women want and can embark in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education, and jobs and careers without discrimination and barriers.

*The panel discussion will conclude by 4.30 p.m.*

### 5. **Reports of the discussion group rapporteurs**

The discussion group rapporteurs will present their reports. The Forum will then ask them to consult with the President of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians and prepare amendments to be presented during the debate of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights.

### 6. **Venue and date of the 29<sup>th</sup> session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians**

#### **Parity Debate**

*Wednesday 17 October 2018, Room 2, level 0, CICG, from 9 to 10.30 a.m.*

The Forum of Women Parliamentarians will host a Parity Debate on the theme ***Ensuring that all children enjoy their rights and grow up protected from violence***. It is open to all members of delegations, both male and female.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.weforum.org/press/2018/01/reskilling-revolution-needed-for-the-millions-of-jobs-at-risk-due-to-technological-disruption/>