

APROBAT

În ședința Biroului permanent al
Camerei Deputaților

din data de 19.09.2006

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Parlamentul României
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**Parlamentul României
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**DIRECȚIA GENERALĂ AFACERI EXTERNE
DIRECȚIA DE RELAȚII CU ADUNĂRI ȘI ORGANISME PARLAMENTARE INTERNAȚIONALE**

București, 18 septembrie 2006
Nr.58/2/1064

MEMORANDUM INTERN

Către: Mihai Unghianu, secretar general al Camerei Deputaților
De la: Traian Chebeleu, director general

Tema: Participarea la cea de-a 115-a Adunare a Uniunii Interparlamentare și la reuniunile asociate (Geneva, 15 – 19 octombrie 2006)

În perioada 15-19 octombrie a.c. se desfășoară la Geneva lucrările celei de-a 115-a Adunări a Uniunii Interparlamentare și reuniunile asociate.

Pe parcursul sesiunii se vor întruni principalele organe de lucru: Adunarea, Consiliul Director, cele trei Comisii permanente, Reuniunea Femeilor Parlamentare, grupurile geopolitice, Asociația Secretarilor Generali de Parlamente (ASGP).

Din partea Camerei Deputaților delegația parlamentară va fi formată din următorii deputați: d-na Doina Drețcanu (Grup parlamentar al PSD), dl. Andrei Dominic Gereș (Grup parlamentar al PNL), dl. Titu Gheorghiof (Grup parlamentar al PNL), dl. Slavomir Gvozdenovici (Grup parlamentar a minorităților naționale), dl. Alexandru Mocanu (Grup parlamentar al PD), membri ai Comitetului Director al GRUI, precum și secretarul delegației parlamentare, doamna Cristina Sava.

La reuniunea Asociației Secretarilor Generali de Parlamente (ASGP) participă doamna Georgeta Ionescu, secretar general al Camerei Deputaților, membru ASGP.

La această sesiune, Consiliul Director UIP va examina cererile de afiliere și reafiliere la UIP ale unor grupuri naționale, rapoartele de activitate ale președintelui, secretarului general și ale diferitelor comitete și grupuri de lucru ale organizației. Se vor dezbate, de asemenea, aspecte legate de cooperarea în cadrul UIP (Comitetul pentru drepturile omului ale parlamentarilor, Comitetul de coordonare al Reuniunii femeilor parlamentare, Grupul pentru parteneriatul între femei și bărbați, Grupul de medieri pentru Cipru), proiectul de program și de buget pentru 2007, o serie de propuneri de amendamente la Statutul și Regulamentul organizației. Dintre punctele de interes de pe agenda Consiliului mai sunt și cooperarea dintre UIP și sistemul Națiunilor Unite, precum și reforma organizației.

Comisia pentru pace și securitate internațională va examina "Cooperarea dintre parlamente și Organizația Națiunilor Unite în promovarea păcii la scară globală, în special din perspective combaterii terorismului și a securității energetice.

Comisia pentru dezvoltare durabilă, finanțe și comerț va dezbate tema ***Rolul parlamentelor în monitorizarea realizării Obiectivelor de dezvoltare ale mileniului, îndeosebi în ceea ce privește problema datoriei, eradicarea sărăciei și a corupției***, iar Comisia pentru democrație și drepturile omului va aborda tema ***Persoanele dispărute***.

Adunarea va examina și va adopta rezoluții privind cele trei teme aflate pe agenda sesiunii și se va pronunța asupra unui punct de urgență, la propunerea unui grup național.

Grupul geopolitic 12 + se va reuni începând cu 15 octombrie pe întreaga perioadă a sesiunii, în scopul stabilirii unor strategii comune ale membrilor săi în raport cu agenda Adunării.

Pe ordinea de zi a ASGP sunt incluse teme legate de chestiuni specifice privind **reforma sau organizarea unui parlament, controlul parlamentar în omenul apărării și cel al serviciilor secrete, relațiile dintre parlamente și mass-media, gestionarea relațiilor dintre cele două Camere ale parlamentului**. Președintele UIP va fi invitat pentru un schimb de opinii privind relația UIP-ASGP în contextual propunerilor de reformă a organizației. Președintele UIP va fi invitat pentru un schimb de opinii privind relația UIP-ASGP în contextul propunerilor de reformă a organizației. În cadrul discuțiilor de reformă a UIP s-a decis că trebuie să existe o mai strânsă cooperare dintre UIP și ASGP, prin participarea la reuniunile specializate ale ONU a membrilor de comisii parlamentare ale țărilor membre UIP. Se sugerează, de asemenea, organizarea de către ASGP a unor discuții tip "masă rotundă" pentru membrii UIP care participă la sesiunile de primăvară ale UIP, având ca teme aspectele democrației și modul de funcționare a parlamentelor.

În continuarea sesiunii, în data de 20 octombrie, UIP, în colaborare cu Divizia ONU pentru promovarea femeilor, organizează **seminarul de informare consacrat Convenției privind eliminarea tuturor formelor de discriminare la adresa femeilor**, care include următoarele puncte: prezentarea Convenției și a Protocolului său facultativ, rolul parlamentului în aplicarea Convenției (elaborarea cadrului legislativ și urmărirea implementării lui, cooperarea cu societatea civilă și mass media, alte mecanisme parlamentare), procedura de raportare și participarea parlamentelor la aceste procese.

În continuarea sesiunii ASGP, în data de 19 octombrie, membrii Asociației vor participa la conferința cu tema **Difuzarea activității parlamentare prin canale TV speciale și prin sisteme publice de televiziune**, organizată în colaborare cu UIP și Uniunea Europeană de Radioteleviziune (EBU). La reuniune vor participa, pe lângă membrii ASGP, parlamentari membri ai UIP și oficiali ai EBU.

Acțiunea are caracter parlamentar și se înscrie în planul de relații externe pentru 2006 conform art. 3, alin. a al HBP 1/2003.

Propunem :

- să se aprobe participarea la această acțiune a delegației formată din dna deputat Doina Drețcanu, dnii deputați Andrei Dominic Gereă, Titu Gheorghiof, Slavomir Gvozdenovici, Alexandru Mocanu, doamna Georgeta Ionescu, secretar general al Camerei Deputaților, și dna Cristina Sava, secretar al delegației parlamentare;

Pentru domnul deputat Andrei Dominic Gereă:

- deplasarea să se facă pe ruta București- Geneva și retur, cu autoturism personal, cu plecare în data de 14 octombrie a.c. și întoarcere în data de 20 octombrie a.c.;
- să se acorde diurnă categoria II, 100%, pentru 6 zile, cu cazare plafon B pentru 6 nopți la barem (în numerar), precum și avans de 50% cu decontare ulterioară;

Pentru ceilalți membri ai delegației:

- deplasarea să se efectueze pe ruta București-Milano-Geneva-Roma-București, cu plecare în data de 14 octombrie a.c., orele 17.45 (zbor AZ 505) și întoarcerea în data de 20 octombrie a.c., orele 16.55 (zbor AZ 494);

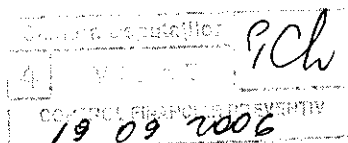
- să se acorde diurnă categoria II, 100%, pentru 6 zile, cu cazare plafon B pentru 6 nopți- la barem (în numerar), precum și avans de 50% cu decontare ulterioară;
- să se aprobe suportarea din bugetul Camerei Deputaților a contravalorii cadourilor simbolice pentru delegațiile UIP și ASGP (art. 57, alin. 1-b al HBP 1/2003)

Recalcularea cheltuielilor să se efectueze la întoarcerea în țară, în baza documentelor justificative.

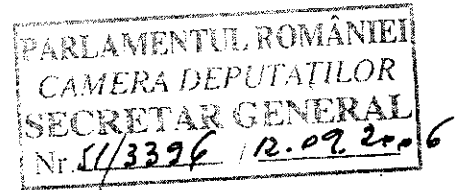
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PARLAMENTUL ROMÂNIEI
Grupul Român al Uniunii Interparlamentare

*În copie la dl. Chibeldan
p. KETRO SP.
în la Consilierul Klie Natys*

12 septembrie 2006
Nr. XLI/ 140

Ion Solcan

Stimată doamnă,

Vă transmit, în anexă, Nota privind participarea delegației Grupului Interparlamentar Român la cea de-a 115-a Adunare a UIP și la reuniunile asociate (Geneva, 15-19 octombrie 2006), cu rugămintea de a o prezenta Biroului Permanent al Camerei Deputaților, spre aprobare.

Cu mulțumiri,

PRESEDINTE,
Ion Solcan
Senator Ion Solcanu

Doamnei

Georgeta Elisabeta Ionescu

Secretarul general al Camerei Deputaților



PARLAMENTUL ROMÂNIEI
Grupul Român al Uniunii Interparlamentare

12 septembrie 2006

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privind participarea delegației Grupului Interparlamentar Român
la cea de-a 115-a Adunare a Uniunii Interparlamentare
și la reuniunile asociate
- Geneva, 15 - 19 octombrie 2006 -

În perioada 15-19 octombrie 2006 vor avea loc, la Geneva, cea de-a 115-a Adunare a Uniunii Interparlamentare și reuniunile asociate (sesiunea anuală de toamnă a UIP). Programul sesiunii include întruniri ale principalelor organe de lucru: Adunarea, Consiliul Director, cele trei comisii permanente, cele șase grupuri geopolitice, diferite organisme specializate *ad hoc* ale UIP, precum și Asociația Secretarilor Generali de Parlamente. În ziua de 19 octombrie, UIP va organiza seminarul anual de informare cu tema *Aplicarea Convenției privind eliminarea tuturor formelor de discriminare la adresa femeilor: rolul parlamentelor și al membrilor acestora*

1. În calitate de organ responsabil cu elaborarea programelor și politicilor UIP, Consiliul Director va examina: cererile de afiliere și reafiliere la UIP ale unor grupuri naționale, rapoartele de activitate ale Președintelui, Secretarului general și ale diferitelor comitete și grupuri de lucru ale UIP (Comitetul pentru drepturile omului ale parlamentarilor, Comitetul de coordonare al Reuniunii Femeilor Parlamentare, Grupul pentru parteneriatul între bărbați și femei; Grupul de mediatori pentru Cipru), proiectul de program și de buget și calendarul reuniunilor UIP pentru 2007; o serie de propuneri de amendamente la Statutul și Regulamentul organizației. Dintre punctele de interes de pe agenda Consiliului, mai pot fi menționate dezbaterele privind cooperarea dintre UIP și sistemul Națiunilor Unite și, respectiv, consolidarea reformei UIP.

În cadrul dezbaterilor privind reforma organizației, delegația GRUI va avea posibilitatea de a-și reitiera și dezvolta pozițiile exprimate anterior, accentuând importanța: creșterii vitezei de reacție a UIP la evenimentele de pe scena internațională; perfecționării procedurilor de elaborare a rezoluțiilor UIP; reuniunilor specializate, ca mecanism principal de consolidare a relației cu sistemul Națiunilor Unite; stabilirii unor formule de cooperare a UIP cu noile organisme ONU - Consiliul drepturilor omului și Comisia pentru consolidarea păcii.

2. Comisia pentru pace și securitate internațională va dezbate tema Cooperarea dintre parlamente și Organizația Națiunilor Unite în promovarea păcii la scară globală, în special din perspectiva combaterii terorismului și a securității energetice. Delegația GRUI se va referi la: recomandările pentru o strategie antiteroristă mondială, incluse în raportul Secretarului general al Națiunilor Unite, cu evidențierea contribuției parlamentelor în transpunerea lor în practică (în particular în ceea ce privește: promovarea statutului de drept, a respectării drepturilor omului și instaurarea unor sisteme juridice eficiente; promovarea educației de calitate și a toleranței religioase și culturale; combaterea finanțării acțiunilor teroriste); importanța semnării și ratificării, de către toate statele,

a celor 13 instrumente internaționale ale ONU în domeniul combaterii terorismului; preocupările României de armonizare a strategiilor sale în materie cu noua strategie energetică europeană și de implicare în eforturile de formulare a unei politici de securitate energetică a Uniunii Europene.

3. **Comisia pentru dezvoltare durabilă, finanțe și comerț** va examina tema **Rolul parlamentelor în monitorizarea realizării Obiectivelor de Dezvoltare ale Mileniului, îndeosebi în ceea ce privește problema datoriei, eradicarea sărăciei și a corupției.** Delegația GRUI va evidenția: principalele acte normative adoptate de Parlament în sprijinul realizării ODM cu accent pe obiectivele de dezvoltare specifice identificate de Raportul ODM pentru România din 2004; coordonatele Strategiei naționale a României privind politica de cooperare internațională pentru dezvoltare; angajamentele asumate de România, în calitate de viitor membru UE și preocupările vizând definirea cadrului legislativ și instituțional al politicii naționale în acest domeniu. Delegația va reitiera propunerea de elaborare, de către UIP, a unui ghid pentru parlamentari referitor la modalitățile de implicare a acestora în susținerea ODM (cu evidențierea diferențelor dintre Nord și Sud), precum și necesitatea dezvoltării asistenței tehnice în materie, prin valorificarea expertizei PNUD.

4. În cadrul **Comisiei pentru democrație și drepturile omului**, care va dezbate tema **Persoane dispărute**, delegația GRUI se va referi la: importanța transpunerii în practică a prevederilor Convenției internaționale pentru protecția tuturor persoanelor împotriva dispariției forțate, adoptată recent de Adunarea Generală a Națiunilor Unite, precum și a obiectivelor în materie ale Agendei pentru acțiune umanitară, adoptată în 2003, care se referă în principal la protecția în situații de conflicte armate și alte situații de violență, precum și la reducerea impactului dezastrelor și al epidemiilor; rolul parlamentelor în asigurarea criminalizării dispariției forțate și, în general, în includerea problematicei persoanelor dispărute în legislația din sfera dreptului internațional umanitar și a drepturilor omului, inclusiv din perspectiva nevoilor speciale ale familiilor celor dispăruți (recunoașterea dreptului familiilor de a cunoaște soarta rudelor dispărute; crearea bazei legale pentru acordarea de asistență juridică și financiară; acordarea unei atenții speciale femeilor).

Elementele de mandat prezentate mai sus vor face obiectul intervențiilor delegaților români în debaterile din cele trei Comisii. Delegația va întreprinde demersuri pentru promovarea lor, după caz, în documentele finale, sub forma unor amendamente la proiectele de rezoluții.

5. **Adunarea** va examina și adopta rezoluții privind cele trei teme aflate pe agenda sesiunii și se va putea pronunța asupra unui punct de urgență, la propunerea unui grup național și sub rezerva aprobării, de către plen, a includerii lui pe ordinea de zi.

6. **Grupul geo-politic 12 Plus** se va reuni pe parcursul sesiunii, în scopul stabilirii unor strategii comune ale membrilor săi în raport cu agenda Adunării. Unul dintre punctele de maxim interes este alegerea unui nou Președinte al Grupului, poziție pentru care candidează reprezentanți ai celor două parlamente fondatoare ale UIP - francez și britanic.

Delegația GRUI își propune să obțină susținerea necesară pentru promovarea, în documentele finale ale sesiunii, a unor elemente care să răspundă în cât mai mare măsură preocupărilor și intereselor actuale ale României.

7. Pe ordinea de zi a **Asociației Secretarilor Generali de Parlamente**, organism consultativ al UIP care analizează chestiuni specifice legate de organizarea și funcționarea instituțiilor reprezentative din țările membre, sunt incluse următoarele teme: reforma/organizarea unui parlament; controlul parlamentar în domeniul apărării și al serviciilor secrete; relațiile dintre parlament și mass media; gestionarea relațiilor dintre cele două Camere ale Parlamentului. Președintele UIP va fi invitat pentru un schimb de opinii privind relația UIP-ASGP în contextul propunerilor de reformă a organizației.

În continuarea sesiunii ASGP, în data de 19 octombrie, membrii Asociației vor participa la conferința cu tema *Difuzarea activității parlamentare prin canale TV speciale și prin sistemele publice de televiziune*, organizată în colaborare cu UIP și European Broadcasting Union.

8. Programul seminarului consacrat **Convenției privind eliminarea tuturor formelor de discriminare la adresa femeilor (CEDAW)** include următoarele puncte: prezentarea Convenției și a Protocolului său facultativ; rolul parlamentului în aplicarea Convenției (elaborarea cadrului legislativ și urmărirea implementării lui; cooperarea cu societatea civilă și mass media; alte mecanisme parlamentare); procedura de raportare și măsuri de follow-up și participarea parlamentelor la aceste procese.

Pentru delegația română, participarea la seminar are o importanță deosebită în condițiile în care raportul de țară al României privind implementarea CEDAW s-a aflat pe agenda celei de-a 35-a sesiuni (15 mai - 2 iunie 2006) a Comitetului ONU privind eliminarea discriminării împotriva femeilor.

9. Delegația GRUI va valorifica participarea la sesiunea UIP de la Geneva și la evenimentele din marja acesteia pentru continuarea dialogului bilateral în contextul activităților de lobby în sprijinul finalizării procesului de ratificare a Tratatului de aderare a României la Uniunea Europeană. În plan bilateral, se va acorda de asemenea, atenție dezvoltării dialogului și activităților pe linia grupurilor parlamentare de prietenie.

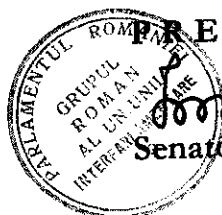
Referitor la cele de mai sus, Comitetul Director înaintează Biroului Permanent al Camerei Deputaților, spre aprobare, următoarele propuneri:

1. Din delegația GRUI la cea de-a 115-a Adunare a UIP și la reuniunile asociate să facă parte, din partea Camerei Deputaților: dl. Slavomir Gvozdenovici (Minorități), secretar al Biroului Executiv al GRUI; dna. Doina Micșunica Drețcanu (PSD); dl. Titu Nicolae Gheorghiof (PNL); dl. Andrei Dominic Gereș (PNL); dl. Alexandru Mocanu (PD); dna. Cristina Sava, consultant în cadrul DGAE, responsabil cu problematica GRUI.

Delegația GRUI va fi condusă de dl. senator Ion Solcanu, Președintele Grupului Interparlamentar Român

2. La activitățile ASGP să participe: dna. Georgeta Elisabeta Ionescu, Secretarul general al Camerei Deputaților și dna. Alice Ratyis, consilier al Secretarului general.
3. Cheltuielile aferente deplasării pentru perioada 14-20 octombrie - transport internațional, cazare, diurnă 100%, asigurări medicale, cadouri simbolice, avans cu justificare ulterioară - să fie suportate din bugetul Camerei Deputaților.

Acțiunea este parlamentară, conform Articolului 3 a) din Hotărârea nr. 1/2003 a Birourilor Permanente ale celor două Camere și este inclusă în Programul activităților externe ale Parlamentului României pe anul în curs.



PREȘEDINTE,

Solcanu
Senator Ion Solcanu



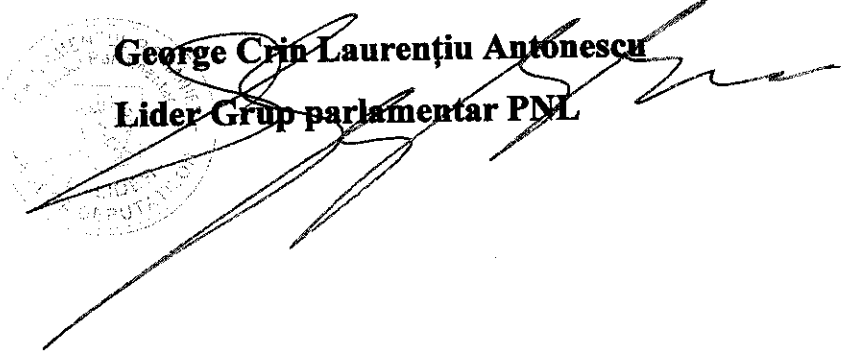
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**Către: Direcția de relații cu adunări și organisme parlamentare
internationale**

NOTĂ

Prin prezenta confirm acordul pentru participarea domnilor deputați Titu Gheorghiof și Andrei Dominic Gereă, membri ai Comitetului Director al GRUI, la cea de-a 115-a Adunare a UIP și reuniunile conexe, desfășurată la Geneva, în perioada 15-19 octombrie 2006.

George Crin Laurențiu Antonescu
Lider Grup parlamentar PNL





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**Către: Direcția de relații cu adunări și organisme parlamentare
internationale**

NOTĂ

Prin prezenta confirm acordul pentru **participarea doamnei deputat Doina Drețcanu**, membră a Comitetului Director al GRUI, la cea de-a 115-a Adunarea a UIP și reuniunile conexe, desfășurată la Geneva, în perioada 15-19 octombrie 2006.

Viorel Hrebenciuc
Lider Grup parlamentar PSD





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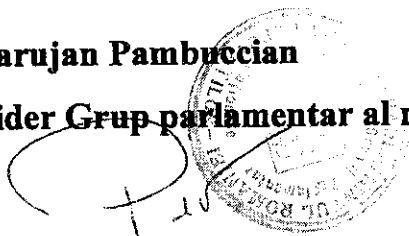
**Către: Direcția de relații cu adunări și organisme parlamentare
internationale**

NOTĂ

Prin prezenta confirm acordul pentru **participarea domnului deputat Slavomir Gvozdenovici, secretar al Comitetului Director al GRUI, la cea de-a 115-a Adunare a UIP și reuniunile conexe, desfășurată la Geneva, în perioada 15-19 octombrie 2006.**

Varujan Pambuccian

Lider Grup parlamentar al minorităților naționale





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**Către: Direcția de relații cu adunări și organisme parlamentare
internaționale**

NOTĂ

Prin prezenta confirm acordul pentru participarea domnului deputat
Alexandru Mocanu, membru al Comitetului Director al GRUI, la cea
de-a 115-a Adunare a UIP și reuniunile conexe, desfășurată la Geneva,
în perioada 15-19 octombrie 2006.

Cristian Radulescu
Lider Grup parlamentar PD





115th ASSEMBLY OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION AND RELATED MEETINGS

Geneva, 16 - 18.10.2006

A/115/C.1
16 June 2006

CONVOCATION OF THE 115th ASSEMBLY OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

Madam President,
Mr. President,

We have pleasure in informing you that, in accordance with the decision taken by the Governing Council at its 178th session (May 2006), the 115th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and related meetings will be held in Geneva (Switzerland), from Monday, 16 to Wednesday, 18 October 2006.

1. AGENDA

The agenda of the Assembly, as approved at its session in May 2006 in Nairobi, is as follows:

1. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the 115th Assembly
2. Consideration of possible requests for the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda
3. Cooperation between parliaments and the United Nations in promoting world peace, particularly from the perspectives of the fight against terrorism and energy security
(*Standing Committee on Peace and International Security*)
4. The role of parliaments in overseeing the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, in particular with regard to the problem of debt and the eradication of poverty and corruption
(*Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade*)
5. Missing persons
(*Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights*)
6. Approval of the subject items for the 117th Assembly and appointment of the Rapporteurs

2. TIMETABLE *

The debate on any emergency item will be held in plenary sittings of the Assembly and the three subject items (items 3, 4 and 5) will be debated within the competent Standing Committees.

⇒ IMPORTANT REMINDER (Travel arrangements)

The Secretariat wishes to remind all IPU Members that the 115th Assembly and related meetings will finish its work with a closing sitting on Wednesday, 18 October, scheduled to start at 5 p.m.

During this sitting, the reports of the Standing Committees presented by the co-Rapporteurs will be heard and the draft resolutions will be submitted for adoption.

When making their travel arrangements, delegates are kindly requested to bear in mind that the closing sitting of this important session of the Assembly is not expected to finish before 6.30 p.m.

3. EMERGENCY ITEM

The relevant provisions of the Statutes and Rules are as follows:

Statutes - Article 14.2

"2. The Assembly may include one emergency item in its agenda (cf. Assembly Rule 11)."

Assembly Rule 11

"1. Any Member of the Union may request the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda. Such a request may be accompanied by a brief explanatory memorandum and a draft resolution. The Secretariat shall communicate the request and any such documents immediately to all Members.

2. Consideration and acceptance by the Assembly of a request for the inclusion of an emergency item in its agenda shall be subject to the following provisions:

- (a) A request for the inclusion of an emergency item must relate to a major event of international concern on which it appears necessary for the IPU to express its opinion. Such a request must receive a two-thirds majority of the votes cast in order to be accepted.
- (b) The Assembly may place only one emergency item on its agenda. Should several requests obtain the requisite majority, the one having received the largest number of positive votes shall be accepted."

If the Assembly decides to include an emergency item in its agenda, this will be debated by the Assembly on Tuesday, 17 October. Provision has also been made on that same day for an eventual meeting of a drafting committee to prepare a draft resolution.

4. PLACE OF MEETINGS

The 115th Assembly and the meetings of its Standing Committees, the Governing Council and all other related meetings will take place in the *Centre international de Conférences de Genève (CICG)*.

* See detailed General Programme of the Assembly and related meetings in Annex I.

5. PARTICIPATION

Article 10 of the Statutes of the Union stipulates that:

- "1. *The Assembly shall be composed of parliamentarians designated as delegates by the Members of the Union. Members shall include male and female parliamentarians in their delegation and shall strive to ensure equal representation of men and women.*
2. *The number of members of Parliament appointed as delegates to the first annual session of the Assembly by a Member of the Union shall in no case exceed eight in respect of Parliaments of countries with a population of less than one hundred million inhabitants, or ten in respect of Parliaments of countries with a population of one hundred million inhabitants or more. The number of delegates to the second annual session shall not exceed five, or seven for Parliaments of countries with a population of one hundred million inhabitants or more.*
3. *Any delegation composed exclusively of parliamentarians of the same sex shall automatically be reduced by one person."*

The Governing Council has repeatedly drawn attention to the need to abide by the terms of Article 10.1 of the Statutes; as well as to the provisions of Article 10.3.

As regards Article 10.2 of the Statutes, the Union's governing bodies have repeatedly stated that this statutory provision will be strictly applied when the list of delegates is prepared. No more than two further MPs may accompany delegations and be listed as advisers.

Pursuant to Article 5.2 of the Statutes, IPU Members whose arrears equal or exceed the amount of the contributions due from them for the preceding two full years may not be represented by more than two delegates at meetings of the Union.

Associate Members may participate in the Assembly and its Standing Committees with the same rights as Members, with the exception of the right to vote and to present candidates for elective office.

International organisations of an intergovernmental or inter-parliamentary nature and other bodies included in a list established by the Governing Council (178th session, May 2006) have been invited to be represented at the Assembly as observers.

6. STEERING COMMITTEE

Assembly Rule 9 states that the Steering Committee of the Assembly shall be composed of the President of the Assembly, the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Vice-President of the Executive Committee. The Presidents of the Standing Committees may take part in its work in an advisory capacity.

The Steering Committee, assisted by the IPU Secretary General, is mandated to take all appropriate measures to ensure the effective organisation and normal functioning of the Assembly proceedings.

7. MEETINGS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

In accordance with Assembly Rule 15.3 the subject items placed on the Assembly agenda by the Governing Council (items 3, 4 and 5) will be debated by the Standing Committees as follows:

- Item 3:** First Standing Committee on Peace and International Security
- Item 4:** Second Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade
- Item 5:** Third Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights

The Standing Committees will be convened separately and will meet during the 115th Assembly (see General Programme in Annex I) and will be required to debate the report prepared by the co-Rapporteurs and adopt a draft resolution on the subject item within their purview. To assist them in this task, Standing Committees may set up drafting committees (Committee Rule 15).

8. DOCUMENTS RELATING TO ITEMS CONSIDERED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEES

At its 113th session in Geneva, the Assembly appointed two Rapporteurs for each of the Standing Committees. These co-Rapporteurs have been entrusted with preparing a report and draft resolution on the item placed on their Committee's agenda.

The relevant provisions of the Rules are as follows:

Assembly – Rule 17

"1. Any delegate may submit **amendments** relating to the draft resolutions prepared by the rapporteurs on the subject item included in the agenda approved by the Assembly. They shall be deposited with the Secretariat of the Assembly **no later than one week before the opening of the Assembly** (c.f. Committee Rule 12.2).

2. **Sub-amendments** relating to these draft resolutions may be submitted until the Standing Committee adopts the draft resolution intended for the Assembly."

Standing Committees – Rule 12

"1. ... Members of the Union may contribute to such reports by submitting their suggestions and comments to the rapporteurs. The arrangements for the submission of such suggestions and comments shall be indicated in the convocation of the Assembly. The final report shall remain the responsibility of its authors (c.f. Assembly Rule 13).

"2. The rapporteurs shall also prepare a draft resolution on the subject to be debated in their Committee, which the Secretariat of the IPU shall send to the Members in advance of the session. Members may propose **amendments** to the draft resolution **until one week before the opening of the Assembly**. The Committee will finalise the draft resolution and submit it to the Assembly for adoption (c.f. Assembly Rule 17.1)."

Members are therefore kindly requested to take note of the following timetable for the circulation of the co-Rapporteurs' draft reports and draft resolutions, as well as of the deadlines for the submission of suggestions and/or comments on the draft report and of amendments to the draft resolutions:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
23 June 2006	The IPU Secretariat will circulate the draft reports and preliminary draft resolutions to all IPU Member Parliaments.
20 July 2006	Deadline for the submission of suggestions and/or comments on the draft reports and for the submission of amendments to the <u>preliminary</u> draft resolutions.
15 August 2006	The IPU Secretariat will submit the reports and the revised preliminary draft resolutions to all Members.
15 September 2006	The IPU Secretariat will circulate to all Members any proposals for amendment of the <u>revised</u> preliminary draft resolutions that have been received since 15 August.

9 October 2006 Deadline for the submission of amendments to the revised preliminary draft resolutions

To facilitate work on the revised drafts, Members are kindly requested to submit all proposals for amendments to the preliminary draft resolutions by 20 July 2006. Delegations wishing to amend the texts after that date are requested to await the publication of the revised draft on 15 August, and to refer to that updated text in submitting their proposals.

The 20 July deadline is also the definitive deadline for the submission of suggestions and/or comments on the draft reports. The length of such submissions should not exceed two to three double-spaced, typewritten pages (approximately 1,000 words).

Proposed amendments to the resolutions should clearly indicate:

- which paragraphs they address, or whether a new paragraph is being proposed, and if so, where it should be placed in the text; and
- which parts of the text are modifications, additions or deletions.

Members are requested to submit their texts in one of the Union's official languages (English or French).

The final statutory deadline for the submission of proposed amendments to the revised preliminary draft resolutions is 9 October 2006. Please ensure that any such texts refer to the latest versions of the corresponding resolutions (the revised preliminary draft resolutions).

► Texts may be sent to the Secretariat by e-mail (postbox@mail.ipu.org).

Amendments

When the Assembly is called on to take a decision at its final plenary sitting on the draft resolutions prepared by the Standing Committees, the only amendments in order - apart from those of a purely editorial nature - shall be those incorporating the content of earlier proposals submitted within the statutory time-limits but not accepted by the relevant Standing Committee (cf. Assembly Rule 17.4).

9. TABLE SHOWING THE ALLOCATION OF VOTES

A provisional table showing the votes allocated to delegations at the 115th Assembly is contained in Annex II.

Members are kindly requested to check the figures concerning them and, if necessary, inform in writing the IPU Secretariat in Geneva of any modifications required, preferably in advance. The final table for the allocation of votes at the Assembly will be distributed at the opening of the session.

10. LANGUAGES

The Secretariat of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will provide simultaneous interpretation into and from the two official languages of the Union, English and French, as well as Arabic and Spanish, at the meetings of all statutory bodies.

Four other interpretation channels have been reserved for the Chinese, Italian, Japanese and Russian languages at sittings of the Assembly, Governing Council, and Standing Committees.

Delegates may, exceptionally, use another language provided that they arrange for their speech to be interpreted into one or other of the Union's official languages, and that copies of the speech be given to the Chief Interpreter (Mrs. F. Steinig-Huang) well in advance and no later than two hours before it is to be delivered.

11. MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES

Other bodies will hold meetings during the Assembly; their members will be convened by special letter. They include:

- ▶ the Governing Council (16, 17 and 18 October, public sittings);
- ▶ the Executive Committee (13, 14 and 18 October, *in camera*);
- ▶ the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians (15 October, *in camera*);
- ▶ the Gender Partnership Group (13 and 14 October, *in camera*);
- ▶ the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians (14, 15, 16, and 17 October, *in camera*);
- ▶ the interactive Panel discussion (17 October, public sitting).

The Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP) will also meet at the CICC at the time of the Assembly. It will be convened by its President.

12. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE SESSION

Further information concerning the session will be provided in the "Practical Information" document (available before the opening of the Assembly) and the "Additional information concerning the organisation of the Assembly" document (distributed to delegations on registering).

Journal

Every day during the Assembly, participants will find in all meeting rooms and at the Registration and Information desk the "Journal" giving the latest updates on the programme of meetings and other important information designed to facilitate their participation in the proceedings of the session.

13. RESULTS OF THE ASSEMBLY

All delegations will receive two printed copies of the *Results* of the 115th Assembly and a diskette will be sent on request. In addition, the document is accessible on the IPU website (www.ipu.org) two weeks after the Assembly when a complete electronic version of the "Results" can be downloaded from the IPU site in PDF Format.

14. REGISTRATION, HOTEL ACCOMMODATION AND VISAS

Delegations are kindly requested to note the following deadlines for the registration of delegates and for hotel reservations.

Registration of delegates

All participants must adhere strictly to the registration deadline of 15 September 2006. Please return the registration form for delegations annexed to this Convocation to the IPU Secretariat by that date. The address is as follows:

- ▶ Inter-Parliamentary Union
Chemin du Pommier, N° 5
Case postale 330
1218 Le Grand-Saconnex / Geneva
Switzerland

Telephone: +41 22 919 41 50
Fax: +41 22 919 41 60
E-mail: registration@mail.ipu.org

⇒ **IMPORTANT****Hotel reservations**

Delegations from countries having a Permanent Mission in Geneva are kindly requested to make their hotel reservations through their respective Mission. The Permanent Missions in Geneva will all be duly informed of the holding of the 115th Assembly. Most Missions are used to receiving national delegations to UN meetings and to handling hotel reservations for them, and many have signed agreements and obtained preferential rates with hotels close to the Palais des Nations area and the CICC.

Delegations from countries that do not have a diplomatic representation in Geneva may reserve their rooms either via their preferred tourist operator or through the Geneva Tourist Office. Should delegations wish to use the services offered by the Geneva Tourist Office, they are kindly requested to contact the IPU Secretariat, which will duly send them a hotel reservation form. However, attention is drawn to the fact that, according to the practice of all hotels in Geneva, only reservation forms returned with details of a credit card as a guarantee will be confirmed. The hotel reservation form should be returned directly to the Geneva Tourist Office by no later than **1 September 2006**, with copy to the IPU Secretariat.

Visas

Strict provisions are in force regarding entry into Switzerland and entry is refused to those persons who do not hold the required visa. Delegates requiring an entry visa must obtain it from the Swiss consulate or diplomatic mission responsible for the necessary arrangements in their country of residence.

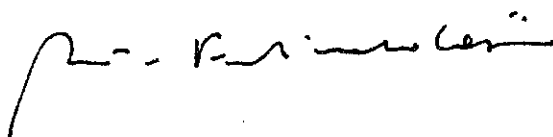
Only in very exceptional cases, when a delegate has been unable to obtain a visa from the Swiss consulate or diplomatic country in their country of residence, may a visa be obtained upon arrival at Geneva Airport, provided that the IPU Secretariat in Geneva has been advised of this by e-mail (postbox@mail.ipu.org) or via facsimile (+4122 919 41 60) **three weeks prior** to the date of arrival. The following details should be provided in such case: full name, date and place of birth, nationality, type of national passport and its number (date of issue and expiry), date of arrival and flight number.

Moreover, Geneva Airport is located on the Swiss-French border and also has a French entry. Some flights coming from Paris or other French airports to Geneva are considered as internal flights. Therefore, delegates may wish to check if a French visa is required for certain nationalities when passing through a French airport en route to Geneva.

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We hope that your Parliament will be represented at the 115th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and that the delegation, under your leadership, will take an active part in the proceedings.

Yours sincerely,



Pier Ferdinando CASINI
President
of the Inter-Parliamentary Union



Anders B. JOHNSON
Secretary General
of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

GENERAL TIMETABLE OF THE ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

(Geneva, 13 to 18 October 2006)

➤ Friday 13 October	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	• Executive Committee *
	3 - 5 p.m.	• Executive Committee *
	5 - 6 p.m.	• Gender Partnership Group *
➤ Saturday 14 October	9.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	• Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians *
	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	• Executive Committee *
	2.30 - 6 p.m.	• Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians *
	3 - 5 p.m.	• Executive Committee *
	5 - 6 p.m.	• Gender Partnership Group *
➤ Sunday 15 October	9 a.m. - 12 noon	• Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians *
	9.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	• Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians *
	2.30 - 6 p.m.	• Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians *
➤ Monday 16 October	8 - 9 a.m.	• Assembly Steering Committee *
	9 - 9.30 a.m.	• Governing Council (Election of the President of the Assembly, Questions relating to Members and Report on the activities of the Executive Committee)
	9.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	• First Standing Committee (Peace and International Security): Presentation of the report of the Rapporteurs; Debate
		• Second Standing Committee (Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade): Presentation of the report of the Rapporteurs; Debate
		• Third Standing Committee (Democracy and Human Rights): Presentation of the report of the Rapporteurs; Debate
		• Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians *
	2.30 - 5 p.m. (or 6.30 p.m. **)	• First Committee (Peace and International Security): Continuation and/or** possible conclusion of the debate
➤ Tuesday 17 October		• Second Committee (Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade): Continuation and conclusion of the debate
		• Third Committee (Democracy and Human Rights): Continuation and/or** possible conclusion of the debate
	5 - 6.30 p.m.	• Assembly: Consideration of requests for the inclusion of an emergency item
		• First Committee (Peace and International Security): Possible continuation and conclusion of the debate
		• Third Committee (Democracy and Human Rights): Possible continuation and conclusion of the debate
	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	• Assembly: Debate on the emergency item
		• First Committee (Peace and International Security): drafting committee *
		• Second Committee (Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade): drafting committee *
		• Third Committee (Democracy and Human Rights): drafting committee *
	9.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	• Interactive panel discussion



GENERAL TIMETABLE (continued)

➤ Wednesday 18 October	2.30 - 6 p.m.	• Governing Council
	2.30 - 6.30 p.m.	• First Committee (Peace and International Security): Continuation and end of drafting committee *
		• Second Committee (Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade): Continuation and end of drafting committee *
		• Third Committee (Democracy and Human Rights): Continuation and end of drafting committee *
		• Emergency item: start of drafting committee *
	3 to 6 p.m.	• Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians *
	9 - 10.30 a.m.	• Meeting of the Bureau of the First Standing Committee (Peace and International Security) *
		• Meeting of the Bureau of the Second Standing Committee (Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade) *
		• Meeting of the Bureau of the Third Standing Committee (Democracy and Human Rights) *
	9 - 11.30 a.m.	• Emergency item: continuation and end of drafting committee * (if necessary)
	10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	• First Committee (Peace and International Security): Adoption of the report and the draft resolution
		• Second Committee (Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade): Adoption of the report and the draft resolution
		• Third Committee (Democracy and Human Rights): Adoption of the report and the draft resolution
	11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	• Executive Committee *
	2.30 - 5 p.m.	• Governing Council: presentation of the reports of some of the subsidiary bodies (Committee on Human Rights of Parliamentarians, etc.)
	5 - 6.30 p.m.	• Closing session of the Assembly: Reports of the Standing Committees, and adoption of the resolutions and decisions
		• Closure of the 115 th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

* In camera meetings

PROVISIONAL TABLE SHOWING THE ALLOCATION OF VOTES AT THE 115th ASSEMBLY
(According to Article 15.2 of the Statutes)

MEMBERS		Votes under (a)	Population in millions	Votes under (b)	Total number of votes
1.	Albania	10	3.0	1	11
2.	Algeria	10	32	5	15
3.	Andorra	10	0.6	0	10
4.	Angola	10	8.3	2	12
5.	Argentina	10	33.0	5	15
6.	Armenia	10	3.4	1	11
7.	Australia	10	17.3	3	13
8.	Austria	10	7.8	2	12
9.	Azerbaijan	10	7.3	2	12
10.	Bahrain	10	0.7	0	10
11.	Bangladesh	10	109.0	10	20
12.	Belarus	10	10.2	3	13
13.	Belgium	10	9.9	2	12
14.	Benin	10	7.6	2	12
15.	Bolivia	10	6.7	2	12
16.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	10	4.3	1	11
17.	Botswana	10	1.3	1	11
18.	Brazil	10	146.0	10	20
19.	Bulgaria	10	8.5	2	12
20.	Burkina Faso	10	10.4	3	13
21.	Burundi	10	5.2	2	12
22.	Cambodia	10	10.7	3	13
23.	Cameroon	10	12.9	3	13
24.	Canada	10	30.8	5	15
25.	Cape-Verde	10	0.3	0	10
26.	Chile	10	13.4	3	13
27.	China	10	1,200.0	13	23
28.	Colombia	10	29.5	4	14
29.	Congo	10	1.9	1	11
30.	Costa Rica	10	3.3	1	11
31.	Côte d'Ivoire	10	15.5	3	13
32.	Croatia	10	4.8	1	11
33.	Cuba	10	10.2	3	13
34.	Cyprus	10	0.7	0	10
35.	Czech Republic	10	10.5	3	13
36.	Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	10	20.9	4	14
37.	Dem. Republic of the Congo	10	56.8	7	17
38.	Denmark	10	5.2	2	12
39.	Djibouti	10	0.5	0	10
40.	Dominican Republic	10	9.0	2	12
41.	Ecuador	10	9.6	2	12
42.	Egypt	10	64.8	8	18
43.	El Salvador	10	5.3	2	12
44.	Estonia	10	1.5	1	11
45.	Ethiopia	10	67.5	8	18
46.	Fiji	10	0.7	0	10
47.	Finland	10	5.4	2	12

MEMBERS		Votes under (a)	Population in millions	Votes under (b)	Total number of votes
48.	France	10	58.3	7	17
49.	Gabon	10	1.0	1	11
50.	Georgia	10	4.7	1	11
51.	Germany	10	81.3	9	19
52.	Ghana	10	16.5	3	13
53.	Greece	10	10.2	3	13
54.	Guatemala	10	8.2	2	12
55.	Guinea	10	7.3	2	12
56.	Hungary	10	10.4	3	13
57.	Iceland	10	0.27	0	10
58.	India	10	1,000.3	13	23
59.	Indonesia	10	206.0	12	22
60.	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	10	60.5	8	18
61.	Ireland	10	3.5	1	11
62.	Israel	10	6.7	2	12
63.	Italy	10	57.0	7	17
64.	Japan	10	123.6	10	20
65.	Jordan	10	4.0	1	11
66.	Kazakhstan	10	17.0	3	13
67.	Kenya	10	24.0	4	14
68.	Kuwait	10	2.2	1	11
69.	Kyrgyzstan	10	4.5	1	11
70.	Lao People's Dem. Rep.	10	4.5	1	11
71.	Latvia	10	2.7	1	11
72.	Lebanon	10	2.4	1	11
73.	Liberia	10	2.8	1	11
74.	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	10	3.9	1	11
75.	Liechtenstein	10	0.3	0	10
76.	Lithuania	10	3.9	1	11
77.	Luxembourg	10	0.4	0	10
78.	Madagascar	10	18	3	13
79.	Malaysia	10	22.7	4	14
80.	Maldives	10	0.35	0	10
81.	Mali	10	8.0	2	12
82.	Malta	10	0.3	0	10
83.	Mauritius	10	1.02	1	11
84.	Mexico	10	104.0	10	20
85.	Monaco	10	0.03	0	10
86.	Mongolia	10	2.0	1	11
87.	Morocco	10	26.5	4	14
88.	Mozambique	10	12.1	3	13
89.	Namibia	10	1.5	1	11
90.	Nepal	10	22.9	4	14
91.	Netherlands	10	15.3	3	13
92.	New Zealand	10	3.3	1	11
93.	Nicaragua	10	5.1	2	12
94.	Niger	10	10.7	3	13
95.	Nigeria	10	111.7	10	20
96.	Norway	10	4.3	1	11
97.	Pakistan	10	130.6	10	20

MEMBERS		Votes under (a)	Population in millions	Votes under (b)	Total number of votes
98.	Panama	10	1.7	1	11
99.	Papua New Guinea	10	3.0	1	11
100.	Paraguay	10	5.7	2	12
101.	Peru	10	23.0	4	14
102.	Philippines	10	62.1	8	18
103.	Poland	10	38.5	5	15
104.	Portugal	10	10.3	3	13
105.	Qatar	10	0.88	0	10
106.	Republic of Korea	10	45.5	6	16
107.	Republic of Moldova	10	4.3	1	11
108.	Romania	10	23.0	4	14
109.	Russian Federation	10	148.8	10	20
110.	Rwanda	10	6.2	2	12
111.	Samoa	10	0.17	0	10
112.	San Marino	10	0.02	0	10
113.	Sao Tome and Principe	10	0.16	0	10
114.	Saudi Arabia	10	16.9	3	13
115.	Senegal	10	7.0	2	12
116.	Serbia	10	9.7	2	12
117.	Singapore	10	2.9	1	11
118.	Slovakia	10	5.2	2	12
119.	Slovenia	10	1.9	1	11
120.	Somalia	10	10.4	3	13
121.	South Africa	10	40.4	6	16
122.	Spain	10	39.4	5	15
123.	Sri Lanka	10	17.0	3	13
124.	Sudan	10	35.0	5	15
125.	Suriname	10	0.4	0	10
126.	Sweden	10	8.7	2	12
127.	Switzerland	10	6.7	2	12
128.	Syrian Arab Republic	10	12.5	3	13
129.	Tajikistan	10	5.09	2	12
130.	Thailand	10	60.1	8	18
131.	The FYR of Macedonia	10	2.3	1	11
132.	Togo	10	5.4	2	12
133.	Tunisia	10	8.7	2	12
134.	Turkey	10	64.5	8	18
135.	Uganda	10	17.0	3	13
136.	Ukraine	10	50.1	7	17
137.	United Arab Emirates	10	2.5	1	11
138.	United Kingdom	10	57.4	7	17
139.	United Rep. of Tanzania	10	27.0	4	14
140.	Uruguay	10	3.2	1	11
141.	Uzbekistan	10	22.2	4	14
142.	Venezuela	10	18.1	3	13
143.	Viet Nam	10	63.7	8	18
144.	Yemen	10	10.5	3	13
145.	Zambia	10	10.9	3	13
146.	Zimbabwe	10	10.4	3	13



115th ASSEMBLY OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION AND RELATED MEETINGS

Geneva, 16 - 18.10.2006

CL/179/C.1
28 July 2006

CONVOCAATION **179th SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE** **INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION** **Geneva, 16, 17 and 18 October 2006**

Dear Madam,
Dear Sir,

We have pleasure in informing you that the Governing Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union will hold its 179th session at the Centre international de Conférences de Genève (CICG), in Geneva.

The Governing Council will hold a first sitting from 9 to 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 16 October. It will hold its second sitting from 2.30 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 17 October, and its last meeting from 2.30 to 5 pm on Wednesday, 18 October.

1. PARTICIPATION

The Governing Council is composed of three members from each parliament represented in the IPU*. The Members are asked to confirm the names of their representatives to the Governing Council by 15 October 2006 at the latest, so that the Secretariat can update the list of Council members.

In accordance with Governing Council Rule 2, "a member of the Governing Council who is unable to attend may be replaced by another representative of the Union Member in question duly authorized for that purpose". The IPU Secretariat should be notified accordingly.

* Each parliament's representation on the Governing Council must include both men and women. Single gender delegations will be limited to two members (Rule 1.2 of the Rules of the Governing Council).

2. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

The provisional agenda for the session prepared by the Executive Committee at its 246th (May 2006) session is as follows:

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
The Governing Council will adopt its agenda at the beginning of its proceedings.
2. **Approval of the summary records of the 178th session of the Governing Council**
Members requesting corrections to the summary records of the 178th session (CL/178/SR.1) are requested to notify the Union's Secretariat in writing before the opening of the 179th session.
3. **Questions relating to IPU membership**
 - (a) Requests for affiliation and reaffiliation to the Union
 - (b) Situation of certain Members*The Governing Council will decide on any requests for affiliation and reaffiliation and review the situation of certain Members on the basis of the report of the Executive Committee.*
4. **Report of the President**
 - (a) On his activities since the 178th session of the Council
 - (b) On the activities of the Executive Committee*The Governing Council will have before it the President's report on his activities and will hear an oral report on the activities of the Executive Committee.*
5. **Interim Report by the Secretary General on the activities of the Union since the 178th session of the Council**
The Governing Council will have before it the interim report of the Secretary General on the activities of the Union since the 178th session of the Council. Under this item, members will also discuss the annual reporting exercise and decide how best to organize it in the future.
6. **Financial situation of the Union**
The Governing Council will be apprised of the financial situation of the Union.
7. **Draft programme and budget for 2007**
The Governing Council will be asked to approve the proposals of the Executive Committee for the Union's programme and budget for the year 2007. It will also be asked to give final approval to the revised scale of contributions. Under this item, Council Members will also have an opportunity to discuss an overall fund raising strategy for the IPU.
8. **Cooperation with the United Nations**
The Governing Council will receive a progress report, in particular on preparations being made for the annual parliamentary hearing during the United Nations General Assembly and on progress in negotiating a UNGA resolution on cooperation between the United Nations and the IPU.

9. Consolidation of the reform of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

The Governing Council will have before it the report of the second meeting of the President's Working Group. Based on the outcome of the deliberations that will have taken place on the subject in the Executive Committee and in the geo-political groups, the Governing Council will decide on the main orientation of further reform of the Organization.

10. Reports on recent IPU specialised conferences and meetings

11. Activities of committees and other bodies

The Governing Council will examine the reports of the following bodies and committees and will hold elections to fill any vacant seats:

- (a) Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians
- (b) Coordinating Committee of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians
- (c) Gender Partnership Group

12. 116th IPU Assembly

(Bangkok, Thailand, 29 April – 4 May 2007)

13. Future Inter-Parliamentary meetings

- (a) Statutory meetings
- (b) Specialised meetings and other events

The Governing Council will review the list of meetings included in the Union's programme and consider any proposals for future events.

14. Appointment of two Auditors for the 2007 accounts

(Cf. Rule 41 of the Rules of the Governing Council)

The Governing Council will appoint two Auditors for a one-year term.

15. Elections to the Executive Committee

(Cf. Article 23 of the Statutes and Rules 37, 38 and 39 of the Rules of the Governing Council)

The Governing Council will be required to elect two members to replace Mr. H. Al Hadi (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) and Ms. A. Vadai (Hungary), whose terms of office expire at the time of the 179th session of the Governing Council.

3. SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

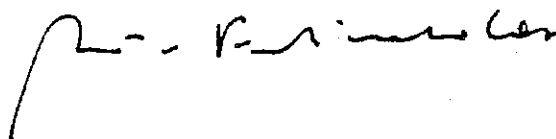
In conformity with Governing Council Rule 13, members of the Council may request the inclusion of supplementary items in the agenda. Such items must fall within the competence of the Council which, according to Article 20.1 of the Statutes, determines and guides the activities of the Union and controls their implementation.

Any requests for the inclusion of supplementary items will be immediately transmitted by the Secretariat to all Council members. After hearing the opinion of the Executive Committee, the Council shall decide on such a request by a majority of votes cast if the request is received by the Secretariat at least 15 days before the opening of the session; otherwise by a two-thirds majority.

4. DOCUMENTS

To the extent possible, working documents regarding various items of the provisional agenda will be sent out to members in advance.

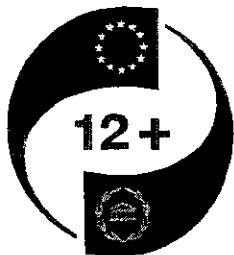
Yours sincerely,



Pier Ferdinando CASINI
President
of the Inter-Parliamentary Union



Anders B. JOHNSON
Secretary General
of the Inter-Parliamentary Union



*Group of the Twelve Plus
in the Inter-Parliamentary Union*

*Groupe des Douze Plus
à l'Union interparlementaire*

To the Members of the Twelve Plus Group

Brussels, 10 July 2006

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to invite you to the meetings of the Twelve Plus Group that will take place during the 115th IPU Assembly in Geneva. Enclosed is the draft agenda of the first meeting, which will be held on

**Sunday 15 October 2006
from 2 to 6 p.m.
at the Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG), Multi-Purpose Room.**

If you wish to propose supplementary items or changes in the agenda, please let me know by 22 September.

Subsequent meetings of the Twelve Plus Group will be held on

**Tuesday 17 October 2006, from 8 to 9 a.m.
Wednesday 18 October 2006, from 9 to 10 a.m.
at the Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG), Multi-Purpose Room.**

The Group may also meet on Monday 16 October 2006, from 8 to 9 a.m., if it so decides at its first meeting.

The **official dinner of the Group** will take place on **Sunday 15 October 2006 at 8 p.m.** at the "Salle des Rois de l'Arquebuse" (Restaurant La Broche), a listed historic building - address: 36, rue du Stand, 1204 Geneva. Bus transport will be provided from the hotels. For financial reasons and in accordance with the Group's Rules of Procedure, only two representatives per member group and staff, as well as the persons accompanying them, can take part in the dinner.

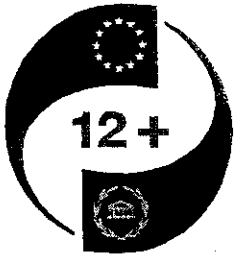
The Steering Committee of the Group will meet on Friday 22 September 2006 in Brussels, to prepare the Geneva meetings and to make recommendations on the agenda items, where appropriate. As usual, you will receive the minutes of the Steering Committee's meeting about one week before the Assembly.

Thank you for returning the enclosed registration form by 22 September 2006.

I look forward to seeing you in Geneva.

Yours sincerely,

Geert Versnick,
Acting Chairperson of the Twelve Plus Group



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in the Inter-Parliamentary Union

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115th Assembly of the IPU, Geneva
First meeting of the Twelve Plus Group
Sunday 15 October 2006, from 2 to 6 p.m.
CICG, Multi-Purpose Room

The meetings of the Group shall be attended by two Council members of each member Group or their nominees and staff. Other members of the Group may attend as observers.

DRAFT AGENDA

A. GENERAL MATTERS

1. Opening of the meeting by the Chairperson
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Adoption of the minutes of the Group's meeting held in Nairobi on 12 May 2006 (annexed)
4. Report on the meeting of the Group's Steering Committee held in Brussels on 22 September 2006

B. IPU MATTERS

1. Briefing by the Group's representatives on the work of the Executive Committee and the Gender Partnership Group
2. Briefing by the Group's representatives on the work of the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians
3. Emergency item
4. Reports and draft resolutions of the Standing Committees
 - a) Committee I: Peace and international security
Cooperation between parliaments and the United Nations in promoting world peace, particularly from the perspectives of the fight against terrorism and energy security
 - b) Committee II: Sustainable development, finance and trade
The role of parliaments in overseeing the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, in particular with regard to the problem of debt and the eradication of poverty and corruption
 - c) Committee III: Democracy and human rights
Missing persons
5. Nominations for drafting committees ¹
6. Panel discussion
7. Proposed topics and rapporteurs for the 117th Assembly (autumn 2007)
8. Programme and budget 2007
9. Reform of the IPU: results of the second meeting of the IPU President's working group – follow-up to the Twelve Plus Group's common position adopted in Nairobi
10. Co-operation with the United Nations
11. Preparation for the next session of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO
12. Vacancies ²
13. Other IPU matters

C. TWELVE PLUS MATTERS

1. Membership questions
2. Financial questions
3. Second stage of the review of the Group's Rules of Procedure (formerly Guidelines)
4. Election of the Chairperson for a two-year term of office³
5. Timetable of the Group's meetings during the 116th Assembly (Bangkok, 29 April – 4 May 2007)
6. Date and place of the next meeting of the Group
7. Miscellaneous

¹ The Group can nominate 3 to 4 members for each drafting committee. It always nominates its rapporteurs for the Standing Committees. At the 115th Assembly, the rapporteurs from Twelve Plus countries are: Ms Möller (Iceland) for the First Committee, Ms Boumediene-Thiery (France) for the Second Committee and Ms Gadiant (Switzerland) for the Third Committee.

² A list of vacancies is sent out in advance by the IPU Secretariat.

³ According to the new article 5 of the Group's Rules of Procedure, nominations for the Chair of the Group are to be submitted before the opening of the Group's meeting on 15 October 2006. Candidates for the office of Chair must be sponsored in writing by two National Groups. Two candidates have been nominated so far: Mr John AUSTIN (UK) and Mr Robert DEL PICCHIA (France).



INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Geneva, 28 July 2006

Dear Madam Speaker/Dear Mr. Speaker,

I am writing to inform you that the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) is holding a conference in Geneva on parliamentary broadcasting on Thursday 19 October 2006, immediately after the 115th IPU Assembly. The conference is being organised jointly with the Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP) and the European Broadcasting Union (EBU).

The Geneva conference will provide an expert forum for the discussion of parliamentary broadcasting. The participants will exchange experiences and discuss how materials can be usefully shared. It will be attended by parliamentarians, senior representatives of public broadcasters, directors of parliamentary channels, senior EBU officials, and Secretaries General of Parliaments. It will be open to the press.

The Conference will take place at the Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG). Interpretation will be provided in Arabic, English, French and Spanish.

I would be most grateful if your Parliament could delegate a member with suitable expertise to attend the event.

Pending the dispatch of a full set of background documents, I would much appreciate it if your office could complete the attached questionnaire and return it to the IPU Secretariat in Geneva by Monday 4th September 2006.

Yours sincerely,

Anders B. Johansson

**Conference on broadcasting of parliamentary business through dedicated
TV channels and public broadcasting systems**

organized jointly by the IPU, the ASGP and EBU

Thursday 19 October 2006 - CICG Geneva (Switzerland)

Background

The relationship between parliament and the citizen is an issue of growing importance everywhere. Many parliaments are working to open the institution to greater involvement of individuals and organizations that have a contribution to make to their work. They also want people to be better informed of what is done in parliament. As part of these efforts, parliaments are keen to have some of their proceedings broadcasted to a wider public.

While some parliaments have established their own radio stations or TV channels that transmit directly to the public, more frequently parliaments rely on public broadcasting through public service stations or simply public broadcasters. In recent years, a number of new media outlets have emerged, using the internet or the digital environment to offer the public insights into parliamentary proceedings. This is an area of interest to the European Broadcasting Union (EBU).

The relationship between parliament and public broadcasters is a complex one. The media outlets are independent institutions that exercise editorial control over the content of their broadcasts. Parliaments are institutions that have a legitimate interest in broadcasters informing the public about their work, an interest which needs to be respected.

The October Conference could be the start of a larger process. It will explore the relationship between parliaments and parliamentary channels and/or public broadcasters and try to identify good examples that may serve as inspiration for others, as well as examples of sharing experiences and materials.

The process could also explore the possibility for the IPU to make recommendations to parliaments to establish a parliamentary channel in cases where it does not exist and to develop a network of existing parliamentary channels in order to facilitate exchange of material and expertise. The process could be developed by the IPU, ASGP (Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments) and EBU.

Participants

The conference will be open to senior representatives of public broadcasters, parliamentary channels and Secretaries General of Parliament. EBU Members and members of parliament who sit on committees that oversee parliamentary outreach to the broader public will also be invited. The Conference will be open to the press.

Date and venue

The conference will take place on 19 October 2006 immediately after the 115th IPU Assembly to ensure the presence of as many Secretaries General of parliament as possible. The venue will be the Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG).

Meeting support

Interpretation will be provided into Arabic, English, French and Spanish. The EBU will provide technical expertise, including in the preparation of conference papers.

Draft programme - Thursday 19 October 2006

- 9 a.m. Visit of EBU Headquarters in Geneva (departure from hotels by bus)
Presentation of EBU and News Room.
- 10.15 a.m. **Opening remarks** (CICG - 5 minutes each):
Mr. Pier Ferdinando Casini, IPU President and former Speaker of the Italian Chamber of Deputies;
Mr. Anders Forsberg, ASGP President and Secretary General of the Swedish Parliament;
Mr. Fritz Pleitgen, President of the EBU, Director general of WRD and former founder of Phoenix (German documentary and parliamentary channel) or Mr. Boris Bergant, EBU Vice-President.
- 10.30 a.m. **Panel discussion**

Parliamentary activities: MPs, majority, opposition, minorities, media and citizens - shared needs, different interests
While Parliamentarians - from all political tendencies - journalists and citizens are all interested in greater visibility for the role of legislators and the impact politics can have in daily life. They nonetheless have different interests. How can parliamentary channels and public broadcasting face this challenge?

Panellists' presentations (8 minutes each)
- 11.30 a.m. **Open discussion - Moderator: Journalist**
- 1.00 p.m. Lunch at the CICG
- 2.15 p.m. **Parliamentary exchanges of materials**

Presentation by Mr. Peter Vickers (EBU-Eurovision) on the possibilities EBU could offer to parliamentary channels and public broadcasters.
- 2.30 p.m. **Panel discussion**
Free and fair access to information on parliamentary activities and access to TV channels
Freedom of expression, access to information and access to parliamentary channels and public broadcasters are important. Moreover, representatives of different political tendencies, both majority and opposition, as well as minorities and gender balance must be respected.

Panellists' presentations (8 minutes each)
- 3.00 p.m. **Open discussion - Moderator: Journalist**
- 4.30 p.m. **Report: good practices and recommendations**

Rapporteur: Mr. Eric Fichtelius - Executive Producer and Editor of SVT 24 Direct
- 5.00 p.m. Tea, coffee, refreshments

Post Conference Publication - IPU-ASGP-EBU Brochure

Ioana Cristina Sava

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In atenta dlui. Ion Gheorghe

In continuarea discutiei noastre telefonice, va transmit o prima estimare a spatiilor de cazare de care va avea nevoie delegatia GRUI care urmeaza sa participe, in perioada 15-19 octombrie, la cea de-a 115-a Adunare a UIP si la reuniunile asociate. Baremul de cazare este de 300 euro/pers/noapte. Rugam ca rezervarea sa se faca la Royal Manotel.

In cursul saptamanii viitoare, dupa rezolvarea formalitatilor noastre interne, vom transmite Misiunii toate elementele necesare, inclusiv detaliile de zbor.

Va multumesc !

Cristina Dumitrescu

DRPE Senat

Necesar spatii cazare delegatie GRUI

1. Ion Solcanu - 14-20 octombrie - 6 nopti
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 3. Slavomir Gvozdenovici - 14-20 octombrie - 6 nopti
 4. Andrei Dominic Gereaa - 14-20 octombrie - 6 nopti
 5. Titu Ghorghiof - 14-20 octombrie - 6 nopti
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