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Time	Meeting	Place
9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.	e-Parliament interactive session on <i>The digital tools that parliamentarians use to do their work</i> <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Andy Williamson, author of the <i>World e-Parliament Report</i>	Hall No. 1 (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace (English and French only)
9 a.m. – 12 noon	Advisory Group on Health	Hall No. 115 (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace (in camera) (English only)
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security Chaired by Ms. Laura Rojas, Senator (Mexico) <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Elections to the Bureau♦ Panel discussions:	Multifunctional Hall (2 nd floor) Parliamentary Centre
9 a.m. – 11 a.m.	– <i>The role of parliament in monitoring the action of national armed forces participating in UN peacekeeping operations</i> <i>Panellist:</i> Mr. Johannes Born, Assistant Director, Head of Policy and Research Division, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF)	
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	– <i>The implementation of a previous resolution on cyber warfare (Hanoi, 2015)</i> <i>Panellists:</i> Mr. Karsten Geier, Head of the Cyber Policy Coordination Staff, Federal Foreign Office, Germany Mr. Daniel Stauffacher, President of the ICT4Peace Foundation	
10.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Executive Committee	Reading Room (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace (in camera)
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Open session of the Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law Panel discussion on <i>Forty years since the adoption of the Additional Protocol to the Geneva Conventions: How does the law still protect in contemporary war?</i> <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Philippe Mahoux, former Senator (Belgium) <i>Panellists:</i> Mr. Juan Manuel Corzo, Senator (Colombia) Ms. Monica Green, MP (Sweden) Mr. Benjamin Charlier, Legal Adviser, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Ms. Marie Lequin Coutin, Head of Eurasia Region, Geneva Call	Hall No. 1 (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace

¹ Information as at 6 p.m. on 16 October.

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Parity debate on <i>Holding the purse strings: Exercising oversight for the common good</i> , organized by the Forum of Women Parliamentarians <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Nico Schrijver, MP (Netherlands) <i>Panellists:</i> Ms. Thandi Modise, Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces (South Africa) Dr. Gabriela Moser, MP, Chairperson of the Court of Audit Committee (Austria) Ms. Karina Beteta Rubín, MP, President of the Committee on Budget and General Account (Peru) Mr. Andy Richardson, Information Specialist, IPU Mr. Charles Chauvel, Team Leader, Inclusive Political Processes, Bureau for Policy and Programmes Support, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	Dumsky Hall (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace
2.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights ♦ Item 4: <i>Sharing our diversity: The 20th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Democracy</i> – Adoption of the draft resolution ♦ Consideration of proposals for the Committee's agenda at the 138 th and 139 th Assemblies ♦ Proposal to endorse an addendum to the 2012 resolution on access to health, prepared by the IPU Advisory Group on HIV/AIDS and Maternal, Newborn and Child Health	Hall No. 1 (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace
2.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Bureau of the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security	Reading Room (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace (<i>in camera</i>)
2.30 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians The Committee will adopt draft decisions for submission to the Governing Council.	Hall No. 16 (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace (<i>in camera</i>)
2.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Assembly ♦ Item 7 (emergency item) – <i>Ending the grave human crisis, persecution and violent attacks on the Rohingya as a threat to international peace and security and ensuring their unconditional and safe return to their homeland in Myanmar</i> – Adoption of the resolution ♦ Conclusion of the General Debate › Address by Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, Director General, Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO)	Dumsky Hall (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace
4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade Panel discussion on <i>Using science and research to achieve the highest health standards</i>	Hall No. 1 (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace
4.30 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.	Hearing with candidates for the post of President of the IPU	Multifunctional Hall (2 nd floor) Parliamentary Centre
8 p.m.	Cultural evening Cultural Exchange Gala hosted by the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation	Mariinsky Theatre New Stage (Mariinsky II)

Preview of main programme for Wednesday, 18 October

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Governing Council Election of the IPU President Consideration of other items remaining on the agenda	Dumsky Hall (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace
10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security Expert hearing on <i>Sustaining peace as a vehicle for achieving sustainable development</i>	Hall No. 1 (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace
2.30 p.m.	Governing Council Consideration of all remaining items on the agenda	Dumsky Hall (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace
At the end of the Governing Council	Assembly – Closing sitting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Resolution of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights (Item 4) ◆ Reports of the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security, the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade and the Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs (Item 5) ◆ Approval of the subject item for the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights at the 139th IPU Assembly (Item 6) ◆ Outcome document of the General Debate ◆ Closure of the Assembly 	Dumsky Hall (ground floor) Tavrishesky Palace

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OTHER INFORMATION

- ◆ **Assembly App:** As part of the IPU's PaperSmart policy and also to enhance delegates' participation in IPU Assemblies, an application is available which facilitates the online consultation of Assembly documents and provides access to Assembly-related information. The "137 App" can be downloaded through the CrowdCompass Attendee Hub via the store links at <http://archive.ipu.org/conf-e/137agnd.htm> or by personal email invitation by sending a request to sas@ipu.org. The password required by the App may be obtained from the App Helpdesk, which is located in the Kupolny Hall (opposite the Information Counter) on the ground floor of the Tavrishesky Palace. A user manual is available at <http://archive.ipu.org/conf-e/137/App-usermanual.pdf>.
- ◆ **Print-on-demand service:** This service is available at the Typing Pool and Photocopying Service for those delegates who wish to obtain a copy of a document published on the IPU Assembly web page.
- ◆ **List of participants:** Delegations are reminded that the provisional list of participants is available for consultation on the Assembly App and that only a limited number of copies have been printed. A printed copy may be obtained, upon request, from the Document Distribution Service. In order to ensure the accuracy of the final list of participants, delegations are kindly requested to report any changes to Ms. Marina Filippin at the Registration Desk by **12 noon today, Tuesday, 17 October**. The final list of participants will be published on the IPU website.
- ◆ **Livre d'or for the outgoing President of the IPU:** Delegates are invited to write a message for Mr. Saber Chowdhury in the *livre d'or* at the Publications Stand located near the Plenary Room (Dumsky Hall).
- ◆ **2018 Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations:** The Parliamentary Hearing, entitled *Towards a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration: The contribution of parliaments*, will take place on 22-23 February 2018 in New York. A formal convocation letter will be circulated to all Parliaments by 15 November. Please check the IPU website at <http://www.ipu.org> for regular updates.
- ◆ **Usability study on the new online IPU Open Data Platform:** The IPU invites delegates to take part in this study. If you work with, or are interested in, data on Parliaments, we would like to hear from you. To take part, please visit the Publications Stand (Ekaterininsky Hall, ground floor, Tavrishesky Palace, next to the Open TV Studio) between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. today, and ask for Ms. Silvia Tomanin. Alternatively, please contact Ms. Tomanin by email at sto@ipu.org to arrange an appointment.
- ◆ **Research for the World e-Parliament Report 2018:** The author of the 2018 Report is carrying out interviews with delegates about their use of social media and digital tools. Please contact Andy Williamson via the IPU Secretariat if you would like to be interviewed.

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MEDIA INFORMATION

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



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VACANCIES TO BE FILLED AT THE 137th ASSEMBLY

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Mr. K.M. Lusaka (Kenya): candidature submitted by the Parliament of Kenya, to complete the term of his predecessor;
- Ms. M. Kiener Nellen (Switzerland) and Mr. D. McGuinty (Canada): candidatures submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians

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

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. J. Mukoda Zabwe (Uganda) and Mr. N. Bako-Arifari (Benin): candidatures submitted by the African Group;
- Ms. A. Jerkov (Serbia) and Mr. A. Caroni (Switzerland): candidatures submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

Committee on Middle East Questions

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

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. B. Grouwels (Belgium) and Mr. H. Julien-Laferrière (France): candidatures submitted by the Twelve Plus Group;
- Mr. G. Mihaylov (Bulgaria): candidature submitted by the National Assembly of Bulgaria.

Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law

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

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

- Ms. A. Dafia Ouassagari (Benin): candidature submitted by the African Group;
- Ms. E. Vtorygina (Russian Federation): candidature submitted by the Eurasia Group;
- Mr. D. Chukolov (Bulgaria): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.

APPOINTMENT OF TWO INTERNAL AUDITORS FOR THE 2018 ACCOUNTS

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

To date, the following candidature has been received:

– *Mr. V. Macedo (Portugal): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.*

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STANDING COMMITTEE BUREAUX

The following elections will be held:

Standing Committee on Peace and International Security

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

To date, the following candidatures have been received:

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

– *Ms. L.İ. Ceritoğlu Kurt (Turkey): candidature submitted by the Twelve Plus Group.*

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

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