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**121<sup>st</sup> ASSEMBLY OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION  
AND RELATED MEETINGS**

Geneva, 19-21.10.2009

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**CONVOCAATION**  
**OF THE 121<sup>st</sup> ASSEMBLY OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION**

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Madam President,  
Mr. President,

It is our pleasure to inform you that the 121<sup>st</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and related meetings will be held at the *Centre international de Conférences de Genève* (CICG), Geneva (Switzerland) from Monday, 19 to Wednesday, 21 October 2009.

**1. AGENDA**

1. Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the 121<sup>st</sup> Assembly
2. Consideration of possible requests for the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda
3. Panel discussions on the subject items chosen for debate during the 122<sup>nd</sup> Assembly (Bangkok, 27 March - 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010):
  - (a) Cooperation and shared responsibility in the global fight against organized crime, in particular drug trafficking, illegal arms sales, human trafficking and cross-border terrorism  
*(First Standing Committee on Peace and International Security)*
  - (b) The role of parliaments in developing South-South and Triangular Cooperation with a view to accelerating achievement of the Millennium Development Goals  
*(Second Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade)*
  - (c) Youth participation in the democratic process  
*(Third Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights)*
4. Report of the IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs

## 2. PANEL DISCUSSIONS

During the 121<sup>st</sup> Assembly, several panel discussions will be held. On Tuesday, 20 October, three panel discussions will take place on the subject items of the Standing Committees that have been included in the agenda of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Assembly.

The format and conduct of these panel discussions will be largely informal, with focus on debate and interaction. They will be moderated by two or more experts. The co-Rapporteurs will also make very brief (maximum five minutes) introductions of their draft report.

The aim of these panel discussions is to help raise the awareness of IPU Members of the subjects included in the agenda of the 122<sup>nd</sup> Assembly. There will be no negotiations as such and all prepared speeches setting out formal positions are highly discouraged.

The panel discussions also offer the participants an opportunity to provide comments and suggestions on the preliminary draft reports that have been prepared by the co-Rapporteurs. This will provide the co-Rapporteurs with an intermediary checkpoint halfway through the drafting process and help them to enrich their reports and recommendations.

In addition to the above-mentioned panel discussions, on Wednesday, 21 October, there will be panel discussions on:

- HIV/AIDS – Universal access to prevention, treatment and care;
- Our World at War: Challenges for International Humanitarian Law – an event organized jointly by the IPU IHL Committee and the ICRC;
- Human rights and the Universal Periodic Review.

### **Panel discussion on *HIV/AIDS – Universal access to prevention, treatment and care***

By the end of 2007 an estimated 33 million people worldwide were living with HIV. That same year, 2.5 million people were newly infected and some 2 million died of AIDS. The situation is particularly grave in low- and middle-income countries, where only 30 per cent of people in need of treatment actually receive it.

The panel discussion, to be held from 9 to 11 a.m., will look at ways in which parliaments and parliamentarians can help universal access to become a reality, with a focus on activities that yield concrete results. In the United Nations Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS (2006), governments committed to providing universal access by 2010. UNAIDS predicts that if this goal is met, it will break the trajectory of the epidemic and avert 10 million deaths between now and 2015.

### **Panel discussion on *Our World at War: Challenges for International Humanitarian Law***

This panel discussion, organized jointly by the IPU's International Humanitarian Law Committee and the ICRC, on the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Geneva Conventions, will take place between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. It aims to take stock of achievements made regarding respect for international humanitarian law and discuss challenges of national implementation in this field. Debates will be launched by a member of parliament, an ICRC representative and other experts.

### **Panel discussion on *Human rights and the Universal Periodic Review***

In March 2006, following increasing criticism of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, the UN General Assembly established the Human Rights Council. It was precisely to avoid such criticism that the new Council has been entrusted with the task of undertaking a universal periodic review of the fulfilment by each State of its human rights obligations and commitments in such a way as to ensure universal coverage and equal treatment with respect to all States. The modalities for this review - known as the Universal Periodic Review - were adopted by the 47 Council members in June 2007.

The panel discussion, to be held from 2.30 to 4 p.m., will provide an opportunity for members of parliament to familiarize themselves with the modalities of the UPR and to examine ways in which parliaments can contribute to the process, and hence to the strengthening of human rights in their countries.

There will be no formal outcome of the panel discussions apart from a record of their proceedings.

### **3. TIMETABLE \***

The timetable of the Assembly is set out in Annex I. The closing sitting of the 121<sup>st</sup> Assembly will take place on Wednesday, 21 October, from **4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.** During this sitting, the report on the possible emergency item included in the Assembly agenda will be presented and the draft resolution submitted for adoption. Delegations are kindly requested to bear this in mind when making their travel arrangements.

### **4. EMERGENCY ITEM**

According to Assembly Rule 11 and Article 14.2 of the Statutes, any Member of the Union may request the inclusion of an emergency item in the Assembly agenda. If the Assembly decides to include an emergency item in its agenda, this will be debated by the Assembly on Monday, 19 October 2009. Provision has also been made on the following day for a possible meeting of a drafting committee to prepare a draft resolution.

### **5. PARTICIPATION**

Each IPU Member may appoint a maximum of five delegates to the second annual session of the Assembly, or seven for parliaments of countries with a population of 100 million inhabitants or more. Any delegation that, for three consecutive sessions of the Assembly, is composed exclusively of parliamentarians of the same sex, shall, however, automatically be reduced by one person.

Please note that the number of additional MPs accompanying delegations as Advisers must not exceed two.

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 (Article 5.2 of the Statutes).

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

International organizations and other bodies invited by the Governing Council to be represented at the Assembly as observers are entitled to send a maximum of two delegates.

### **6. STEERING COMMITTEE**

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 organization and normal functioning of the Assembly proceedings.

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

## 7. TABLE SHOWING THE ALLOCATION OF VOTES

A provisional table showing the votes allocated to delegations at the 121<sup>st</sup> 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 showing the allocation of votes at the Assembly will be distributed at the opening of the session.

## 8. 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.

Three other interpretation channels have been reserved for Chinese, Japanese and Russian at sittings of the Assembly, the Governing Council, and for the Panel discussions.

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

## 9. MEETINGS OF OTHER BODIES

Other bodies will hold meetings during the Assembly; their members will be convened by way of a separate letter. They include:

- The Governing Council (19 and 21 October, public sittings);
- The Executive Committee (16, 17 and 20 October, *in camera*);
- The Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians (18 October, *in camera*);
- The Gender Partnership Group (16 and 17 October, *in camera*);
- The Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians (17, 18, 19 and 20 October, *in camera*);
- The Committee on Middle East Questions (19 October, *in camera*);
- The IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs (19, 20 and 21 October, public sittings).

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

## POST-ASSEMBLY MEETINGS – 22 OCTOBER 2009

### IPU and ASGP Conference on evaluating parliaments: objectives, methods, results and impact

Parliaments are increasingly conscious of the way in which they carry out their representative, legislative and oversight functions. They are also seeking ways to enhance often dwindling public confidence in parliamentarians and the institution of parliament in general. Periodic and meaningful evaluation can be a powerful tool for ensuring that parliament performs effectively and maintains strong and healthy relations with citizens and the executive branch of government.

Drawing on tools developed by the IPU, the Association of Secretaries General of Parliament and other organizations, this one-day conference will provide a forum for discussion of different approaches to the evaluation of parliament, sharing of lessons learned and understanding the potential results and impact of evaluation. The conference is intended for parliamentarians,

Secretaries General and staff involved in the future direction of parliament. By the end of the day, the intention is that each participant will be equipped with new tools to make a more effective contribution to the evaluation and development of their parliament.

Attached is the Convocation, as well as the draft agenda, registration form and information document. Should you decide to participate, the registration form should be filled out and duly returned to the IPU Secretariat.

#### Parliamentary Seminar on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

The Sixth Annual Parliamentary Seminar, organized jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the United Nations, will be held at the CICC. Information on the Seminar will be sent out shortly to all Members.

#### Parliamentary Seminar on the United Nations Covenants on Civil and Political Rights and on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Starting with the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948, the United Nations has developed an international legal framework for the protection and promotion of human rights. To date, eight international conventions exist and provide for special committees, the so-called "treaty bodies". They oversee the implementation of the conventions and adopt recommendations, which often require parliamentary action. Parliaments are largely unaware of these bodies and thus miss out on an invaluable opportunity to contribute to the effectiveness of their work.

The seminar will provide an overview of the functioning of the work of the Human Rights Committee and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, which monitor the implementation of the International Covenants on Civil and Political Rights, and on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, respectively. It will target parliamentarians from countries whose national reports have been examined in 2009 or will be examined in 2010.

More detailed information on the Seminar will be sent out shortly to parliaments concerned.

### **10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE SESSION**

Further information concerning the session will be provided in the Assembly Guidebook and in the "Additional information" document, which will be distributed to delegations upon registration.

#### **Journal**

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

### **11. RESULTS OF THE ASSEMBLY**

All delegations will receive two printed copies of the *Results* of the 121<sup>st</sup> Assembly. In addition, the document becomes accessible on the IPU website (<http://www.ipu.org>) two weeks after the close of the Assembly, when a complete electronic version of the "Results" can be downloaded from the IPU website in PDF format.

### **12. REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES**

All participants must respect the registration deadline of 15 September 2009. 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	Telephone	: +41 22 919 41 50
5, chemin du Pommier	Fax	: +41 22 919 41 60
case postale 330	e-mail	: registration@mail.ipu.org
1218 Grand-Saconnex, Geneva		
Switzerland		

The Registration and Information Service, available on the premises of the CICC, will be open as follows:

- 12 noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday, 17 October;
- 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. from Sunday, 18 October to Tuesday, 20 October; and
- 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 21 October.

Delegates are also informed that this Service will only hand over identity badges and documentation to representatives from their Permanent Missions in Geneva if a signed letter of authorization has been received from the Member Parliament to this effect.

Important:

Particular attention is drawn to the fact that, even if identity badges have been collected by delegations' Permanent Missions; upon their arrival at the CICC, delegations are kindly requested to check-in immediately at the Registration and Information Service to ensure that the information in the List of Participants concerning their delegation is accurate.

### 13. HOTEL ACCOMODATION

Delegations from countries with a Permanent Mission in Geneva are kindly requested to make their hotel reservations through their respective Mission. The Permanent Missions in Geneva are all informed of the holding of the 121<sup>st</sup> Assembly and are accustomed to receiving national delegations to United Nations meetings and to handling hotel reservations for them. Many of them 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 diplomatic representation in Geneva may reserve their rooms either via their preferred tourist operator or through the Geneva Tourism and Convention Bureau. Should delegations wish to use the services offered by the Geneva Tourism and Convention Bureau, they are kindly requested to contact the IPU Secretariat, which will subsequently send them a hotel reservation form. However, attention is drawn to the fact that, in keeping with 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 Tourism and Convention Bureau no later than **7 September 2009**, with copy to the IPU Secretariat.

### 14. VISAS

Strict regulations are in force regarding entry into Switzerland and entry is refused to persons not holding the required visa. Delegates requiring an entry visa must obtain one from the Swiss consulate or diplomatic mission in their country of residence.

Since mid-December 2008, Switzerland has applied the **Schengen regulations** concerning the issuance of visas. For further information, please refer to the Informative Note on the implementation of Schengen-Dublin available on the website of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs:

<http://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/topics/intorg/un/unge/gepri/manvis/manvi2.html>

Please also note that Geneva Airport is located on the Swiss-French border and also has a French entry point. Some flights arriving from Paris or other French airports to Geneva are therefore considered as domestic flights. Delegates travelling via France must therefore also check with the competent French authorities to ascertain whether a French or Schengen visa is required for travel through a French airport en route to Geneva.

In recent years, it has been noted that more and more delegations request assistance with entry visas for Switzerland and often such requests are sent at a very late stage. While the IPU will continue to assist delegates, your attention is drawn to the fact that the Swiss authorities require that a clear time frame be respected.

Any delegations in need of assistance must therefore send their requests as soon as possible, and in any case no later than **three weeks prior** to the date of arrival. The following details should be provided: full name, date and place of birth, nationality, type of national passport and number (date of issue and expiry), date of arrival and flight number. There is no guarantee that last-minute requests, especially those falling over weekends when the corresponding Swiss services are closed, can be dealt with in a timely manner.

Please note that, following Switzerland's entry into the Schengen area, visas can no longer be issued upon arrival at Geneva Airport **save for very exceptional cases** where delegates have been unable to obtain a visa from the Swiss consulate or mission in their country of residence. The IPU Secretariat cannot be of any assistance whatsoever in such cases.

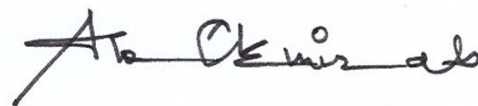
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We hope that your Parliament will be represented at the 121<sup>st</sup> Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and that the delegation, under your leadership, will take an active part in the proceedings.

Yours sincerely,



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Secretary General  
of the Inter-Parliamentary Union



Theo-Ben GURIRAB  
President  
of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

## GENERAL TIMETABLE OF THE ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

(Geneva, 19 to 21 October 2009)

Date		Plenary sittings	Committees	<i>In camera</i> sittings	Other events
Friday, 16 October 2009	MORNING			<b>10.00 - 13.00</b> Executive Committee <i>Main meeting room, IPU Headquarters</i>	
	AFTERNOON			<b>15.00 - 17.00</b> Executive Committee <i>Main meeting room, IPU Headquarters</i>  <b>17.00 - 18.00</b> Gender Partnership Group <i>Main meeting room, IPU Headquarters</i>	
Saturday, 17 October 2009	MORNING			<b>09.00 - 13.00</b> Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians <i>Room B, CCV Annexe Building, CICC</i>  <b>10.00 - 13.00</b> Executive Committee <i>Main meeting room, IPU Headquarters</i>	
	AFTERNOON			<b>14.30 - 18.00</b> Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians <i>Room B, CCV Annexe Building, CICC</i>  <b>15.00 - 17.00</b> Executive Committee <i>Main meeting room, IPU Headquarters</i>	
				<b>17.00 - 18.00</b> Gender Partnership Group <i>Main meeting room, IPU Headquarters</i>	



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Sunday, 18 October 2009	MORNING			<p><b>09.00 - 13.00</b> Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians <i>Room A, CCV Annexe Building, CICC</i></p> <p>Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians <i>Room B, CCV Annexe Building, CICC</i></p>	
	AFTERNOON			<p><b>14.30 - 18.00</b> Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians <i>Room B, CCV Annexe Building, CICC</i></p>	<p><b>14.00 – 18.00</b> ASGP Executive Committee <i>Room 20, level 3, CICC</i></p> <p><b>14.00 – 14.45</b> Meeting of Advisers and Secretaries to delegations <i>Rooms 5 &amp; 6, level 3, CICC</i></p>
Monday, 19 October 2009	MORNING	<p><b>09.00 – 11.30</b> Governing Council: membership; reports; finance; presentation of 2010 budget; presentation of Handbook on Migration <i>Room 1, level 1, CICC</i></p> <p><b>11.30 - 13.00</b> Assembly: Opening; Hearing with the head of a UN agency or programme; Adoption of an emergency item <i>Room 1, level 1, CICC</i></p>	<p><b>09.00 - 13.00</b> IPU Committee on UN Affairs: interaction between UN and parliaments – presentation of the results of IPU survey, followed by discussion; and Debate on cooperation between UN and parliamentary assemblies and organizations <i>Room 2, level 0, CICC</i></p>	<p><b>08.00 - 08.45</b> Assembly Steering Committee <i>IPU President's Office, level 3, CICC</i></p> <p><b>09.00 - 13.00</b> Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians <i>Room B, CCV Annexe Building, CICC</i></p>	<p><b>10.00 - 13.00</b> ASGP Meeting <i>Rooms 5 &amp; 6, level 3, CICC</i></p>
	AFTERNOON	<p><b>14.30 - 18.30</b> Assembly: Hearing with the head of a UN agency or programme; Launch of Handbook on Missing Persons; Debate on the emergency item <i>Room 1, level 1, CICC</i></p>	<p><b>14.30 - 18.00</b> IPU Committee on UN Affairs: briefing and debate on progress of UN reform; followed by an update on UN Climate Change Conference and discussion <i>Room 2, level 0, CICC</i></p>	<p><b>14.30 – 18.00</b> Committee on Middle East Questions Briefing and discussion on Middle East, latest developments in the peace process, and future programme of work of the Committee <i>Room B, CCV Annexe Building, CICC</i></p>	<p><b>14.30 - 18.00</b> ASGP Meeting <i>Rooms 5 &amp; 6, level 3, CICC</i></p>
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Tuesday, 20 October 2009	MORNING	<p><b>09.00 – 12.30</b> Panel discussion on <i>Organized crime</i> (subject to be discussed by the First Standing Committee during the 122<sup>nd</sup> Assembly in April 2010) <i>Room 1, level 1, CICC</i></p> <p><b>09.00 – 12.30</b> Panel discussion on <i>South-South cooperation</i> (subject to be discussed by the Second Standing Committee during the 122<sup>nd</sup> Assembly in April 2010) <i>Room 2, level 0, CICC</i></p>		<p><b>09.00 - 13.00</b> Drafting committee on emergency item <i>Room A, CCV Annexe Building, CICC</i></p>	<p><b>09.00 - 10.00</b> ASGP Executive Committee <i>Room 20, level 3, CICC</i></p> <p><b>10.00 - 13.00</b> ASGP Meeting <i>Rooms 5 &amp; 6, level 3, CICC</i></p>
	AFTERNOON	<p><b>14.00 – 17.30</b> Panel discussion on <i>Youth and democracy</i> (subject to be discussed by the Third Standing Committee during the 122<sup>nd</sup> Assembly in April 2010) <i>Room 1, level 1, CICC</i></p>	<p><b>14.00 – 17.00</b> IPU Committee on UN Affairs: briefing and discussion on UN Development Cooperation Forum and implementation of IPU resolution on foreign aid <i>Room 2, level 0, CICC</i></p>	<p><b>15.00 - 18.00</b> Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians <i>Room B, CCV Annexe Building, CICC</i></p> <p><b>17.00 – 18.30</b> Executive Committee <i>Room A, CCV Annexe Building, CICC</i></p>	<p><b>14.30 - 18.00</b> ASGP Meeting <i>Rooms 5 &amp; 6, level 3, CICC</i></p>

Date		Plenary sittings	Committees	<i>In camera</i> sittings	Other events
Wednesday, 21 October 2009	MORNING	<p><b>09.00 - 13.00</b> Governing Council: debate and adoption of the 2010 budget; IPU reform; election of Secretary General; presentation of the report of the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians <i>Room 1, level 1, CICC</i></p>	<p><b>09.00 – 10.30</b> Advisory Group of the IPU Committee on UN Affairs <i>Room B, CCV Annexe Building, CICC</i></p> <p><b>11.00 – 13.00</b> IPU Committee on UN Affairs: finalization and adoption of outcome document <i>Room 2, level 0, CICC</i></p>	<p><b>09.00 – 11.00</b> Panel discussion on <i>HIV/AIDS – Universal access to prevention, treatment and care</i> <i>Room A, CCV Annexe Building, CICC</i></p> <p><b>11.00 – 13.00</b> Panel discussion on <i>Our World at War: Challenges for International Humanitarian Law</i> - event organized by the International Humanitarian Law Committee and the ICRC <i>Room A, CCV Annexe Building, CICC</i></p>	<p><b>09.00 - 10.00</b> ASGP Executive Committee <i>Room 20, level 3, CICC</i></p> <p><b>10.00 - 13.00</b> ASGP Meeting <i>Rooms 5 &amp; 6, level 3, CICC</i></p>
	AFTERNOON	<p><b>14.30 - 16.00</b> Governing Council: presentation of other reports; cooperation with the UN; elections to the Executive Committee; adoption of amendments; appointment of auditors; future meetings <i>Room 1, level 1, CICC</i></p> <p><b>16.00 - 17.30</b> Assembly: adoption of resolution and closing session <i>Room 1, level 1, CICC</i></p>	<p><b>14.30 – 16.00</b> Reporting back on action taken by parliaments and the IPU to give effect to the resolutions on the global crisis adopted at the 119<sup>th</sup> and 120<sup>th</sup> Assemblies, including taking stock of UNGA and other processes <i>Room 2, level 0, CICC</i></p>	<p><b>14.30 – 16.00</b> Panel discussion on <i>Human Rights and the Universal Periodic Review</i> <i>Room A, CCV Annexe Building, CICC</i></p>	<p><b>14.30 - 18.00</b> ASGP Meeting <i>Rooms 5 &amp; 6, level 3, CICC</i></p>

**PROVISIONAL TABLE SHOWING THE ALLOCATION OF VOTES AT THE 121<sup>st</sup> ASSEMBLY**  
(According to Article 15.2 of the Statutes)

MEMBERS		Votes under (a)	Population in millions	Votes under (b)	Total number of votes
1.	Afghanistan	10	24.1	4	14
2.	Albania	10	3.0	1	11
3.	Algeria	10	33.2	5	15
4.	Andorra	10	0.08	0	10
5.	Angola	10	8.3	2	12
6.	Argentina	10	33.0	5	15
7.	Armenia	10	3.4	1	11
8.	Australia	10	21.0	4	14
9.	Austria	10	7.8	2	12
10.	Azerbaijan	10	7.3	2	12
11.	Bahrain	10	0.7	0	10
12.	Bangladesh	10	153.0	10	20
13.	Belarus	10	10.2	3	13
14.	Belgium	10	9.9	2	12
15.	Benin	10	7.6	2	12
16.	Bolivia	10	6.7	2	12
17.	Bosnia and Herzegovina	10	4.3	1	11
18.	Botswana	10	1.3	1	11
19.	Brazil	10	146.0	10	20
20.	Bulgaria	10	8.5	2	12
21.	Burkina Faso	10	10.4	3	13
22.	Burundi	10	5.2	2	12
23.	Cambodia	10	10.7	3	13
24.	Cameroon	10	12.9	3	13
25.	Canada	10	30.8	5	15
26.	Cape-Verde	10	0.3	0	10
27.	Chile	10	13.4	3	13
28.	China	10	1,200.0	13	23
29.	Colombia	10	29.5	4	14
30.	Comoros	10	0.5	0	10
31.	Congo	10	1.9	1	11
32.	Costa Rica	10	3.3	1	11
33.	Côte d'Ivoire	10	15.5	3	13
34.	Croatia	10	4.8	1	11
35.	Cuba	10	10.2	3	13
36.	Cyprus	10	0.7	0	10
37.	Czech Republic	10	10.5	3	13
38.	Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	10	20.9	4	14
39.	Dem. Republic of the Congo	10	56.8	7	17
40.	Denmark	10	5.2	2	12
41.	Dominican Republic	10	9.0	2	12
42.	Ecuador	10	9.6	2	12
43.	Egypt	10	64.8	8	18
44.	El Salvador	10	5.3	2	12
45.	Estonia	10	1.5	1	11
46.	Ethiopia	10	67.5	8	18
47.	Finland	10	5.4	2	12
48.	France	10	58.3	7	17
49.	Gabon	10	1.0	1	11
50.	Gambia	10	1.5	1	11

MEMBERS		Votes under (a)	Population in millions	Votes under (b)	Total number of votes
51.	Georgia	10	4.7	1	11
52.	Germany	10	81.3	9	19
53.	Ghana	10	16.5	3	13
54.	Greece	10	10.2	3	13
55.	Guatemala	10	8.2	2	12
56.	Hungary	10	10.4	3	13
57.	Iceland	10	0.31	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.	Iraq	10	26.7	4	14
62.	Ireland	10	3.5	1	11
63.	Israel	10	6.7	2	12
64.	Italy	10	57.0	7	17
65.	Japan	10	123.6	10	20
66.	Jordan	10	5.5	2	12
67.	Kazakhstan	10	17.0	3	13
68.	Kenya	10	24.0	4	14
69.	Kuwait	10	2.2	1	11
70.	Kyrgyzstan	10	4.5	1	11
71.	Lao People's Dem. Rep.	10	5.6	2	12
72.	Latvia	10	2.7	1	11
73.	Lebanon	10	2.4	1	11
74.	Lesotho	10	2.1	1	11
75.	Liberia	10	2.8	1	11
76.	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	10	3.9	1	11
77.	Liechtenstein	10	0.3	0	10
78.	Lithuania	10	3.9	1	11
79.	Luxembourg	10	0.4	0	10
80.	Malaysia	10	22.7	4	14
81.	Maldives	10	0.35	0	10
82.	Mali	10	8.0	2	12
83.	Malta	10	0.3	0	10
84.	Mauritania	10	3.1	1	11
85.	Mauritius	10	1.02	1	11
86.	Mexico	10	104.0	10	20
87.	Monaco	10	0.03	0	10
88.	Mongolia	10	2.0	1	11
89.	Montenegro	10	0.62	0	10
90.	Morocco	10	26.5	4	14
91.	Mozambique	10	12.1	3	13
92.	Namibia	10	1.5	1	11
93.	Nepal	10	22.9	4	14
94.	Netherlands	10	15.3	3	13
95.	New Zealand	10	3.3	1	11
96.	Nicaragua	10	5.1	2	12
97.	Niger	10	10.7	3	13
98.	Nigeria	10	111.7	10	20
99.	Norway	10	4.3	1	11
100.	Oman	10	2.5	1	11
101.	Pakistan	10	160.9	11	21

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102.	Palau	10	0.02	0	10
103.	Palestine	10	3.9	1	11
104.	Panama	10	1.7	1	11
105.	Papua New Guinea	10	3.0	1	11
106.	Paraguay	10	5.7	2	12
107.	Peru	10	23.0	4	14
108.	Philippines	10	62.1	8	18
109.	Poland	10	38.5	5	15
110.	Portugal	10	10.3	3	13
111.	Qatar	10	0.88	0	10
112.	Republic of Korea	10	45.5	6	16
113.	Republic of Moldova	10	4.3	1	11
114.	Romania	10	23.0	4	14
115.	Russian Federation	10	148.8	10	20
116.	Rwanda	10	6.2	2	12
117.	Samoa	10	0.17	0	10
118.	San Marino	10	0.02	0	10
119.	Sao Tome and Principe	10	0.16	0	10
120.	Saudi Arabia	10	16.9	3	13
121.	Senegal	10	7.0	2	12
122.	Serbia	10	9.7	2	12
123.	Sierra Leone	10	4.9	1	11
124.	Singapore	10	2.9	1	11
125.	Slovakia	10	5.2	2	12
126.	Slovenia	10	1.9	1	11
127.	Somalia	10	10.4	3	13
128.	South Africa	10	40.4	6	16
129.	Spain	10	39.4	5	15
130.	Sri Lanka	10	17.0	3	13
131.	Sudan	10	35.0	5	15
132.	Suriname	10	0.4	0	10
133.	Sweden	10	8.7	2	12
134.	Switzerland	10	6.7	2	12
135.	Syrian Arab Republic	10	12.5	3	13
136.	Tajikistan	10	5.1	2	12
137.	Thailand	10	60.1	8	18
138.	The fYR of Macedonia	10	2.3	1	11
139.	Timor-Leste	10	0.92	0	10
140.	Togo	10	5.4	2	12
141.	Tunisia	10	10.2	3	13
142.	Turkey	10	64.5	8	18
143.	Uganda	10	17.0	3	13
144.	Ukraine	10	50.1	7	17
145.	United Arab Emirates	10	2.5	1	11
146.	United Kingdom	10	60.2	8	18
147.	United Rep. of Tanzania	10	34.4	5	15
148.	Uruguay	10	3.2	1	11
149.	Venezuela	10	18.1	3	13
150.	Viet Nam	10	63.7	8	18
151.	Yemen	10	10.5	3	13
152.	Zambia	10	10.9	3	13
153.	Zimbabwe	10	10.4	3	13



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