



## **GRULAC ORDINARY SESSION**

**Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 (from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)**

**Room: Salle Genève, CCV Annexe building**

*(English interpretation provided by the IPU)*

### **PRELIMINARY AGENDA<sup>1</sup>**

#### **Item 1**

Welcoming remarks by the First Vice-President of GRULAC, Senator Lucila Crexell (Argentina), acting as President of GRULAC

#### **Item 2**

Approval of the Agenda for GRULAC's session at the 151st IPU Assembly

#### **Item 3**

Approval of the summary records of GRULAC's session at the 150th IPU Assembly in Tashkent, Uzbekistan (April 2025). Available on GRULAC's website: [www.secretariagrulacuip.org](http://www.secretariagrulacuip.org)

#### **Item 4**

Report by the Secretariat on various topics of interest to GRULAC.

#### **Item 5**

##### **3.45 pm – 4.00 pm**

Receive Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary General of the IPU, and the IPU official Mauricio Huertas (Division of External Relations and relations with IPU Member Parliaments).

##### **4.00 pm – 4.05 pm**

Receive the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Australia, Mr. Milton Dick, to inform on young people and democracy including civics education as well as social media.

#### **Item 6**

Report by Dr. José Pedro Montero, President of the Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP) on the activities of the ASGP

#### **Item 7**

Reports:

- Members of the Executive Committee
- Members of other statutory bodies of the IPU

#### **Item 8**

Report of the members of the Bureau of Young Parliamentarians representing GRULAC on the 11th World Conference of Young Parliamentarians, held in Lima, Peru (September 11-13, 2025)

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<sup>1</sup> Updated 17 October, 2025 – 19:30 pm

## **Item 9**

Reports by GRULAC Members, Co-Rapporteurs on Draft Resolutions of Standing Committees:

- Report by Senator Lucila Crexell (Argentina), co -Rapporteur of the draft resolution of the Permanent Committee on Democracy and Human Rights, entitled: "Recognizing and supporting the victims of illegal international adoption and taking measures to prevent this practice"
- Report by Senator Rojo Edwards (Chile), Co-Rapporteur of the Draft Resolution of the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development on "*Building a sustainable and fair global economy: The role of parliaments in combating protectionism, reducing tariffs and preventing tax evasion*"

## **Item 10**

Report by Senator Sebastián Keitel (Chile) on "The Awarding of the Gender Equality Seal to the Senate of the Republic of Chile, becoming the First Legislative Chamber in the World to Receive This United Nations Accreditation"

## **Item 11**

Report by Prof. Juan de Dios Cincunegui (Universidad Austral, Argentina) and Fotis Fitsilis ( Hellenic OCR Team , Greece) on "The Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Parliaments": (i) General approach: Parliaments and the emergence of AI; and (ii) Guide to the Use of AI in Parliaments.

The objective of this Report is to inform GRULAC Member Parliaments of different areas of advice, cooperation and support in AI for both segments (general approach and use of AI in parliaments) to which they can turn, including the IPU Parliamentary Innovation Centre, the HOCRT Network, Bússola Tech , among others, as well as national parliaments, universities and study centers willing to provide assistance.

## **Item 12**

Examination of the proposal to amend GRULAC's Rules, submitted by the Secretariat of GRULAC (see Annex)

## **Item 13**

Examination of the emergency items to be included in the Agenda of the IPU Assembly

## **Item 14**

Appointment of **2 delegates** to the Drafting Committee on the emergency item

## **Item 15**

**Vacancies** to be filled at the 151<sup>st</sup> IPU Assembly

## **Nominations to be submitted by GRULAC**

### **1. Bureau of the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security: 1 vacancy (woman)**

Vacancy resulting from the absence of Ms. A. Rodríguez (Bolivia) from Bureau meetings

### **2. Bureau of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights: 2 vacancies (male and female)**

- Two vacancies, to be filled by at least one male, to replace Mr. A. Gajadien (Suriname), whose term expires at the 151<sup>st</sup> Assembly, and Ms. MdC. Alva Prieto (Peru), who has been elected to the IPU Executive Committee.

- **Candidatures received:**
  - 1- **Paraguay:** María Rocío Abed
  - 2- **Argentina:** Enrique Martín Goerling

### **3. Bureau of the Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs: 1 vacancy (female)**

Note: Senator Lucila Crexell (Argentina), currently member of the Bureau, will complete her parliamentary mandate in December 2025

- **Candidates for membership of the Bureaux of the Standing Committees must remain Members of Parliament for the entire duration of their mandate (minimum of two years, renewable for a further two years)."**

**Note:** Rules of the Standing Committees:

- Members of the Bureau shall be elected for a term of two years and may be re-elected for a further period of two years.
- When a member of the Bureau has served for four consecutive years, two years must elapse before that person may again be elected to the same Bureau.
- Representatives of the same Member Parliament shall not simultaneously hold more than one post as President or Vice-President of a Standing Committee, or hold a post in the same body for more than four consecutive years.
- Members of a Bureau who are absent for two consecutive sessions, without a valid reason, may lose their seat on the Bureau by a decision of the corresponding Committee. In such cases, a new election will be held at the next session of the Standing Committee to fill the respective vacancy.

#### **Rotation of the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the Standing Committees**

As per the decision of the IPU governing bodies at the 143rd IPU Assembly (Madrid, November 2021), based on the principles of regional balance and gender parity, the agreed distribution of leadership positions in the Standing Committees for the 2025-2027 period will be for GRULAC as follows:

#### **Standing Committee on Sustainable Development: Vice-Presidency by GRULAC – Male**

#### **Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs: President by GRULAC – Female**

The Standing Committee Presidents and Vice-Presidents should be parliamentarians with proven experience, a deep commitment to the issues falling within the purview of the respective Committee, and the willingness to devote time and energy to the exercise of this function. A working knowledge of one of the official languages of the IPU (English and French) and a degree of prominence in the field at the national and international level would also be an important asset. The support of the candidates' parliaments in the exercise of their functions is crucial.

According to the Rules of the Standing Committees:

- The Presidents and the Vice-Presidents of the Standing Committees will be elected from among the Bureau members of each Standing Committee (current and incoming members, with a mandate of at least two years remaining, until 2027).
- The posts of President and Vice-President shall normally be filled at a single election.
- Representatives of a Member Parliament shall not simultaneously hold more than one post as President or Vice-President of Standing Committees.
- Members of the Executive Committee shall not simultaneously hold office as Bureau members of Standing Committees.
- There shall be no candidates for the post of President or Vice-President of a Standing Committee from a Member Parliament of the IPU represented on the Executive Committee.

Elections for both the new members of the Bureaux and the positions of President and Vice-President will be held at the last sitting of each Standing Committee.

### **4. High-Level Advisory Group on Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism: 1 vacancy (male or female)**

- One vacancy, to be filled by a man or a woman, for the position not filled at the 150th Assembly.

- **The candidature of Mr. Asiskumar Gajadien (Suriname)** has been received.

#### **5. Working Group on Science and Technology: 1 vacancy (male or female)**

- One vacancy, to be filled by a man or a woman, to replace Ms. S. Nane Vinçon (Uruguay), who is no longer a member of parliament.

- **Uruguay has nominated Senator Blanca Rodríguez to replace Ms. Silvia Nane (Uruguay)**, who is no longer a member of parliament and was elected at the previous Assembly (150th Assembly) in Tashkent in April 2025.

### **Candidatures to be submitted in an individual capacity**

#### **6. Committee on Middle East Questions: 1 vacancy (to be competed with other IPU Members)**

On October 23, 2025, the Governing Council will elect one member to the position not filled at the 150th Assembly. Although the composition of this Committee should reflect diverse geopolitical representation, members of this Committee are elected in their individual capacities, not as representatives of their Parliament or geopolitical group.

#### **7. Committee on Health: 3 vacancies (competition against other IPU Members)**

On October 23, 2025, the Governing Council will elect three members.

Please note that while the Committee should represent as many geopolitical groups as possible, Committee members are elected individually based on their interests, subject matter expertise, and availability to attend all Committee sessions, and not as representatives of their Parliament or geopolitical group. According to the Committee's Rules of Procedure, no more than eight members should be of the same sex, and as many geopolitical groups as possible should be represented. Given the current composition, nominations from men and underrepresented geopolitical groups are encouraged.

Parliamentarians wishing to be members of this Committee must meet a number of specific criteria. Candidates are therefore asked to complete the application form available on the IPU website. Applications can be submitted until 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 22, 2025.

#### **8. Appointment of two Internal Auditors for the 2026 accounts: competition against other IPU Members**

On October 23, 2025, the Governing Council will appoint two Internal Auditors for the 2026 financial year. They will be required to present their report to the Governing Council at its first statutory session in 2027. Parliamentarians interested in applying for this position should preferably have prior experience serving on a parliamentary finance or audit committee.

Applications can be submitted until 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 22, 2025.

### **Item 16**

#### **- ELECTION OF THE NEW BUREAU OF GRULAC FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 2025-2027:**

- **Presidency**
- **First Vice-Presidency**
- **Second Vice-Presidency**

#### **CANDIDATURES RECEIVED:**

##### **- Presidency:**

- On 7th October, the candidature of **Senator Daniel Caggiani (Uruguay) for the Presidency of GRULAC** was received.
- On 7th October, the candidature of **Senator Rojo Edwards (Chile) for the Presidency of GRULAC** was received.

##### **- First Vice-Presidency:**

- On 8th October, the candidacy of Mr. Rabindre Tewari Parmessar, MP (Suriname) for the First Vice-Presidency of GRULAC was received.

Candidacies, accompanied by a signed letter and a brief curriculum vitae, must have the endorsement of the Presidency of the respective parliament and must be **submitted up to 10 days before the election** (Article 15 of the GRULAC Regulations), that is, **until WEDNESDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2025.**

See below the articles of GRULAC's Rules relating to the election:

**"SECTION III. OF THE PRESIDENCY OF GRULAC.-**

**ARTICLE 14. PRESIDENCY of GRULAC.-**

*The President, as well as a first and second Vice President, of GRULAC will be elected by the Governing Council from among its members, with the aim of ensuring that the exercise of this responsibility is assumed alternately by GRULAC members. They will hold office for two years, unless their legislative term ends early. They will not be eligible for reelection.*

**ARTICLE 15. SUBMISSION OF CANDIDACIES.- 1.**

*Candidacies for the Presidency of GRULAC must be communicated in writing to the Secretariat of the Group at least 10 days before the opening of the session at which the election is to be held.*

*2. The candidate who obtains an absolute majority of the votes cast will be elected to the Presidency of GRULAC.*

*3. If no candidate obtains an absolute majority in the first ballot, a second ballot will be held and, where appropriate, other ballots will be held among the candidates until one of them has obtained that majority.*

**ARTICLE 16. ELECTION -**

*1. The election will take place during the second Assembly of the year. If, due to exceptional circumstances, the Assembly cannot meet, the Governing Council may, in any case, proceed with the election.*

*2. In the event of temporary absence, their functions will be exercised by the First Vice President and, where applicable, by the second Vice President of the Bureau.*

*In the event of resignation, loss of the parliamentary mandate, or death of the President or any Vice President, the First Vice President will serve as President until a new holder is elected by the Governing Council. The same provision will apply if the membership of the GRULAC Member to which the President belongs is suspended.*

**ARTICLE 17.-** *The GRULAC Member to which the President belongs may designate another of its representatives to form part of the Governing Council in his or her place, with the right to vote."*

Note: See article 22 of GRULAC's Rules:

**"ARTICLE 22.- RESPONSIBILITIES .-**

*1. Any nomination for a position in the IPU representing the Group must be submitted in writing to the Secretariat of GRULAC, along with the endorsement of the highest authority of the corresponding Parliament, thus ensuring its participation.*

*2. No country may hold more than three positions in total in the IPU, even if they are appointed by the President of the IPU."*

**Item 17**

Other issues.

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