



GRULAC ORDINARY SESSION

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 (15.00 – 18.00)

Room: MR 21 (Hilton Bomonti Conference Centre)

(English interpretation provided by the IPU)

PRELIMINARY AGENDA¹

Item 1 – 15.00 – 15.10

Welcome remarks by the President of GRULAC, Senator Rojo Edwards (Chile)

Item 2 - 15.10 – 15.15

Approval of the Agenda of the GRULAC session at the 152nd IPU Assembly

Item 3 – 15.15 – 15.20

Approval of the Minutes of the GRULAC sessions held on the occasion of the 151st IPU Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland (October 2025). These are available on the GRULAC Secretariat website: www.secretariagrulacuip.org

Item 4 - 15.20 – 15.25

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

Item 5 - 15:25 – 15.35

Receive the President of the IPU, Dr. Tulia Ackson

Item 6 – 15.35 – 15.45

Receive Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary General of the IPU

Item 7 – 15.45 – 16.35

Receive the candidates for Secretary General of the IPU and exchanges on the topic among the GRULAC members. 10 minutes will be allocated to each candidate (5 minutes for introductions, 3 minutes for questions from GRULAC, and 2 minutes for answers). The possibility of having a common geopolitical position will be discussed.

Item 8 – 16.35 – 16.50

Reports:

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

Report by the co-Rapporteurs on “Building a fair and sustainable global economy: The role of parliaments in combating protectionism, reducing tariffs and preventing corporate tax avoidance” of the IPU Standing Committee on Sustainable Development. Jacqueline Sabao (Tanzania), Deborah O’Neil (Australia), Rojo Edwards (Chile).

Item 9 – 16.50 – 16.55

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

Item 10 - 16.55 – 17.05

Report by the President of the House of Representatives of Uruguay, Rodrigo Goñi Reyes, on the initiative to establish a Global Network of Committees for Future

Item 11 - 17.05 – 17.15

Review of the emergency item submitted to the Assembly

Item 12 - 17.15 – 17.20

Appointment of **2 delegates** to the Drafting Committee of the Emergency Item

¹ Updated on 8 April, 2026 – 10:00 AM

Item 13 - 17.20 – 17.45

Vacancies to be filled at the 152nd IPU Assembly:

Candidates to be submitted by GRULAC**1. Bureau of the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security : 1 vacancy (woman)**

- Vacancy left by Bolivia , which cannot run for this position

2. Bureau of the Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs : Re-election for another 2 years of Mr. M. Salinas (Paraguay), who completed his first 2-year term and is eligible for a second term**3. Working Group on Science and Technology: 1 vacancy (man or woman)**

To replace Ms. M. Seymour (Bahamas) who is no longer a Member of Parliament.

Applications to be submitted on an individual basis**3. Committee on Human Rights of Parliamentarians: 2 vacancies for GRULAC (male and female)**

Note: Candidates are nominated individually based on their competence, commitment to human rights, and availability. They must have a good command of English or French. While they do not represent any geopolitical group as such, they must be members of a parliament belonging to one of the aforementioned geopolitical groups. They may receive the support of their national parliaments in submitting their nominations.

Item 14 - 17.45 – 18.00

Other issues.

Senator Rojo Edwards,
President of GRULAC

Oscar Piquinela
Secretary General of GRULAC