



GRULAC ORDINARY SESSION
Sunday, October 4, 2026 (from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)
Room: Oldonyolengai, Ground Floor, Kilimanjaro Wing
(English interpretation provided by the IPU)

PRELIMINARY AGENDA¹

Item 1 - 15:30 – 15:40

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

Item 2 - 15.40 – 15.45

Approval of the Agenda of the GRULAC session at the 153rd IPU Assembly

Item 3 - 15:45 p.m. – 15:50

Approval of the Minutes of the GRULAC session at the 152nd IPU Assembly in Istanbul, Türkiye (April 2026). These are available on the GRULAC Secretariat website: www.secretariagrulacuiip.org

Item 4 - 15.50 – 15.55

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

Item 5 - 15:55 – 16:05

Receive the President of the IPU, Dr. Tulia Ackson

Item 6 - 16:00 – 16:30

Receiving the candidates for the Presidency of the IPU: They will be allotted 10 minutes (7 min. Presentation/ 3 min. Q&A)

16:00 – 16:10 – Azerbaijan: Ms. Sahiba Gafarova

16:10 – 16:20 – Australia: Mr. Milton Dick

16:20 – 16:30 – Chile: Mr. Rojo Edwards

Item 7 - 16:30 - 16:40

Receive Ms. Anda Filip, General Secretary of the IPU

Item 8 - 16:40 – 17:00

Reports:

- Members of the Executive Committee.

- Members of other statutory bodies of the IPU

Item 9 - 17.00 – 17.15

Consideration of the proposals of emergency items on the Assembly agenda

Item 10 - 17.15 – 17.20

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

Item 11 - 17.20 – 17.45

Vacancies to be filled at the 153rd UIP Assembly

Candidates to be submitted by GRULAC

1. **Executive Committee** : **1 vacancy for a woman** , to replace Mrs. María del Carmen Alva Prieto (Peru), who is no longer a member of parliament. *(It is customary practice for the Parliament concerned to appoint a member of its Parliament to complete the term of his/her predecessor (until October 2028).*

The candidature of Senator Karla Melissa Schaefer Cuculiza (Peru) has been received to complete the term of office of former Congresswoman María del Carmen Alva Prieto (Peru), until October 2028. (Letter received from the President of the Congress of the Republic of Peru).

¹ Updated on 3 October, 2026 – 19:00 PM

2. **Bureau of the Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs : 2 vacancies to be filled by at least one man** , to replace Mr. E. Bustamante (Peru), whose term ends at the 153rd Assembly, and Mr. M. Salinas (Paraguay), who is not running for a second term.
 3. **Bureau of Young Parliamentarians: 1 vacancy male (under 40 years old)** to replace Mr. W. Soto (Peru - who ceased to be a parliamentarian), for the remainder of his term ending in May 2027.
 4. **Working Group on Science and Technology: 1 vacancy, male or female**, to fill the position that was not filled at the 151st Assembly (*vacancy to replace Ms. M. Seymour (Bahamas) who ceased to be a Member of Parliament*)
- The candidature of Senator Karol Cariola Oliva (Chile) has been received. (Letter received from the President of the Senate of Chile).
5. **Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law: 1 vacancy man**, to replace Mr. A. Paredes González (Peru) whose term ends at the 153rd Assembly.
 6. **Committee on Middle East Questions– 1 vacancy (male or female)**

Applications to be submitted on an individual basis

6. **Committee on Health: 1 vacancy male or female for GRULAC.**
On October 9, 2026, the Governing Council will elect **two Members**. Given the current composition of the Committee, at least one of the newly elected members must be a woman, and **nominations from underrepresented geopolitical groups, particularly the Latin America and Caribbean Group and the Asia-Pacific Group, are encouraged.**
Parliamentarians wishing to become members of this Committee must meet a number of specific criteria. Therefore, candidates are requested to complete the [form available on the IPU website](#).
7. **Group of Facilitators for Cyprus:** On October 9, 2026, the Governing Council will elect **two members**:
 - To replace Mr. L. Wehrli (Switzerland), whose four-year term ends at the 153rd Assembly.
 - To replace Mr. H. Arshakyan (Armenia), who is no longer a member of parliament.
8. **Appointment of two Internal Auditors for the 2027 accounts**
On 9 October 2026, the Governing Council will appoint **two Internal Auditors** for the 2027 financial year. They are expected to present their report to the Governing Council during its first statutory session of 2028. It is recommended that Members of Parliament interested in applying for this position have prior experience on a parliamentary finance or audit committee.

Nominations submitted for the Presidency of the IPU

- Nomination of Ms. Sahiba Gafarova (Azerbaijan)
- Nomination of Mr. Milton Dick (Australia)
- Candidacy of Mr. Rojo Edwards Silva (Chile)

Item 12 - 17.45 – 18.30

Other matters.

Senator Rojo Edwards,
President of GRULAC

Oscar Piquinela
Secretary General of GRULAC