

PROGRAMME

Participation of Oireachtas delegation at the 132nd Inter-parliamentary Union Congress,
Hanoi, 26 March – 1 April 2015

Time	Meeting	Remarks
Thursday 26 March		
06:20 hrs	4 IPU delegates arrive in Hanoi on VN018 - Senator Paddy Burke - Deputy Michelle Mulherin - Deputy John Lyons - Bernadette Mathews	<i>Met and picked up at the airport by Ambassador</i>
	Check in the Lotte Hotel, 54 Lieu Giai, Hanoi	
12.00 – 16.00	Embassy vehicle and personnel available for city tour/visit	
18.30 hrs	Pick up at hotel	
19.00 hrs	Dinner hosted by Ambassador, Au Lac House, 13 Tran Hung Dao, Hanoi ✓	
21.30 hrs	Return to hotel	
Friday 27 March		
06:20 hrs	2 IPU delegates arrive in Hanoi on VN018 - Deputy Noel Harrington - Deputy Barry Cowen	<i>Met and picked up at the airport by the Ambassador</i>
	Check in the Lotte Hotel, 54 Lieu Giai, Hanoi	
12.00 – 16.00	Embassy vehicle and personnel available for city tour/visit	
18.30hrs	Pick up at Hotel by Embassy	
19.00	Dinner hosted by Embassy at Porte D'annam Restaurant ✓	
Saturday 28 March		
08.30 hrs	Pick up at hotel by Embassy	<i>Embassy officials to accompany</i>
9.00 – 10.30	Visit Meiko Electronic Company to meet and discuss with women maternity protection measures that enable women to balance both their roles as breadwinners and mothers – this work is supported by Irish Aid through a non-government organisation, Alive and Thrive	
11: 00 – 12.30	Visit a government health centre to meet and discuss with health workers and mothers about measures to improve maternal and infant nutrition – this work is supported by Irish Aid through a non-government organisation, Alive and Thrive	
13.00 hrs	Lunch at KOTO (Know One Teach One), a local social enterprise supported by Irish Aid which runs a restaurant and vocational training programme working with street children and disadvantaged youth to give them opportunities to develop skills particularly in the area of hospitality and culinary services ✓	
14.30 hrs	Return to hotel	

19:30-21:00	Embassy official to meet delegation and attend the opening ceremony, National Convention Centre My Dinh, Hanoi	
Sunday 29 March		
All Day	Delegates attend IPU Programme	<i>Embassy vehicles available if required by delegates for afternoon/evening</i>
Monday 30 March		
All Day	Delegates attend the IPU Programme	
18.30 hrs	Pick up at hotel by Embassy	
19:00 hrs	Dinner hosted by Ambassador Cole Residence, Villa 28, 10 Dang Thai Mai, Hanoi	
21.30 hrs	Return to hotel	
Tuesday 31 March		
All Day	Delegates attend IPU Programme	
19.00 hrs	Ambassador to meet delegates and attend official reception, Hoang Thanh Thang Long Citadel, Hanoi	
Wednesday 1 April		
All Day	Delegates attend IPU Programme	
20:30	Met by the Ambassador at the hotel for accompanying to the airport	
23:20	Delegation depart for Paris on flight VN019	

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Hanoi, 27 March - 01 April 2015

Friday 27 March 2015

1430 -1730	Meeting of the Twelve Plus Group followed by Dinner <i>[Room 309, National Convention Centre]</i>	Cathaoirleach Deputy John Lyons Bernadette Mathews
19.30-	Twelve Plus Group Dinner <i>Club De l'Oriental, No. 22 Tong Dan, Hoan Kiem, Hanoi</i>	Cathaoirleach Deputy John Lyons Bernadette Mathews
	<u>Free Time</u>	<u>Other members</u>

Saturday 28 March 2015

0900 – 1630 (tbc)	Field visit organised by Irish Aid & Alive and Thrive to Meiko Electronic Company & Government Health Centre followed by lunch at KOTO (Know One Teach One)	All members
09.30- 1300	Meeting of Women Parliamentarians <i>[Room 241, National Convention Centre]</i>	Deputy Michelle Mulherin (optional)
1400 – 1500	Meeting of the Network of Advisers and Secretaries to Delegations <i>[Room 309, National Convention Centre]</i>	Bernadette Mathews
1430 - 1800	Meeting of Women Parliamentarians <i>[Room 241, National Convention Centre]</i>	Deputy Michelle Mulherin (optional)
1930 – 2100	Inaugural Ceremony & Courtesy Reception <i>National Assembly of Viet Nam (President of the V N N A)</i>	All members
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Sunday 29 March 2015

0800 - 0900	Meeting of the Twelve Plus Group <i>[Room 309, National Convention Centre]</i>	Cathaoirleach Deputy John Lyons Bernadette Mathews
0900 - 1045	Governing Council <i>[Banquet Hall, National Convention Centre]</i>	Cathaoirleach Deputy Michelle Mulherin Deputy John Lyons Bernadette Mathews
0900 - 1300	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security <i>Debate on the draft resolution on Cyber warfare – a serious threat to peace and global security.</i> <i>[Room 241, National Convention Centre]</i>	Option for all members
0930 - 1200	Forum of Young Parliamentarians of the IPU <i>[Room 343, National Convention Centre]</i>	Option for all members
1100 - 1230	ASGP meeting <i>[Rooms 305 & 307, National Convention Centre]</i>	Bernadette Mathews

1100 - 1300	Assembly Start of the General Debate <i>[Banquet Hall, National Convention Centre]</i>	All members
1430 - 1700	Assembly General Debate <i>[Banquet Hall, National Convention Centre]</i>	All members
1430 - 1730	ASGP meeting <i>[Rooms 305 & 307, National Convention Centre]</i>	Bernadette Mathews
1430 - 1830	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development Finance and Trade. Drafting in plenary of the resolution on Shaping a new system of water governance: promoting parliamentary action on water. <i>[Room 241, National Convention Centre]</i>	Optional for all Members
1630 - 1830	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security Drafting in plenary of the resolution on Cyber warfare. <i>[Room 309, National Convention Centre]</i>	Optional for all Members
1700 - 1800	Assembly Decision on the emergency item. (VOTE) <i>[Banquet Hall, National Convention Centre]</i>	All members
1930 - 2100	Parliamentary Solidarity Gala <i>Head of Delegation of Viet Nam and Chairperson of the Organizing Committee for the 132nd IPU Assembly.</i> <i>Viet Nam National Villages for Ethnic Culture and Tourism.</i>	All members

Monday 30 March 2015

0800 - 0900	Meeting of the Twelve Plus Group <i>[Room 309, National Convention Centre]</i>	Cathaoirleach Deputy John Lyons Bernadette Mathews
0900 - 1230	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights Drafting of Resolution <i>[Room 241, National Convention Centre]</i>	Optional for all Members
0900 - 1300	Assembly - Debate on the emergency item, and continuation of the General Debate. <i>[Banquet Hall, National Convention Centre]</i>	All members
0930 - 1300	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security Completion of drafting in plenary of the resolution on Cyber Warfare <i>[Room 309, National Convention Centre]</i>	Optional for all Members
1000 - 1230	ASGP meeting <i>[Rooms 305 & 307, National Convention Centre]</i>	
1300 - 1400	Reception in Honour of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians. <i>Chair of the meeting of Women Parliamentarian at the 132nd IPU Assembly.</i> <i>National Convention Centre Main Meeting Hall.</i>	Optional for all Members
1430 - 1730	ASGP meeting <i>[Rooms 305 & 307, National Convention Centre]</i>	Bernadette Mathews

1430 - 1830	Assembly <i>Continuation of the General Debate</i> <i>[Banquet Hall, National Convention Centre]</i>	All members
1430 - 1830	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development ,Finance and Trade Interactive debate on follow up on the IPU water governance resolution: taking it forward, and Conclusion of drafting in plenary <i>[Room 241, National Convention Centre]</i>	Optional for all Members
Evening	Dinner hosted by Ambassador, Venue and time (tbc)	All Members

Tuesday 31 March 2015

0800 - 0900	Meeting of the Twelve Plus Group <i>[Room 309, National Convention Centre]</i>	Cathaoirleach Deputy John Lyons Bernadette Mathews
0900 - 1100	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights Interactive debate on implementation of the 2012 ipu resolution on access to health as a basic right: the role of parliaments in addressing key challenges to securing the health of women and children. <i>[Room 241, National Convention Centre]</i>	Optional for all Members
0930 - 1100	Group of Facilitators for Cyprus <i>[Room 254, National Convention Centre]</i>	Cathaoirleach Bernadette Mathews
1130 - 1300	Standing Committee on Peace and International Security Adoption of the draft resolution. (Vote) <i>[Room 241, National Convention Hall]</i>	Optional for all Members
1430 - 1630	Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs <i>[Room 241, National Convention Centre]</i>	Optional for all Members
1430 - 1830	Assembly Adoption of the resolution on the emergency item and conclusion of the General Debate. (Vote) <i>[Banquet Hall, National Convention Centre]</i>	Optional for all Members
1700 - 1830	Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade. Adoption of the draft resolution <i>[Room 241, National Convention Centre]</i>	Optional for all Members
1830 -2100	State Reception (Culture Exchange Gala) <i>Prime Minister of Viet Nam</i> <i>Central Sector, Imperial Citadel of Thang Long - Hanoi</i>	All Members

Wednesday 1 April 2015

0800 - 0900	Meeting of the Twelve Plus Group <i>[Room 309, National Convention Centre]]</i>	Cathaoirleach Deputy John Lyons Bernadette Mathews
0900 - 1100	Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights Debate on Democracy in the digital era and the threat to privacy and individual freedoms. <i>[Room 241, National Convention Centre]</i>	Optional for all Members
09.00 - 13.00	Governing Council Resolutions on the human rights of MP's and reports of specialized meetings. <i>[Banquet Hall, National Convention Centre]</i>	Cathaoirleach Deputy Michelle Mulherin Deputy John Lyons Bernadette Mathews
1000 - 1230	ASGP meeting <i>[Rooms 305 & 307, National Convention Centre]</i>	Bernadette Mathews
1130 - 1330	"Interactive debate on the Convention on the rights of the Child 25 years on: are children's " lives better? <i>[Room 241, National Convention Centre]</i>	Optional for all Members
1430 - 1700	Governing Council <i>[Banquet Hall, National Convention Centre]</i>	Cathaoirleach Deputy Michelle Mulherin Deputy John Lyons Bernadette Mathews
1430 - 1730	ASGP meeting <i>[Rooms 305 & 307, National Convention Centre]</i>	Bernadette Mathews
1700 - 1830	Assembly Closing sitting <i>[Banquet Hall, National Convention Centre]</i>	All Members
Evening	Depart for Airport (tbc)	