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**CONVOCATION OF THE
ELEVENTH MEETING OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS**

Kenyatta International Conference Centre (KICC), Sunday, 7 and Thursday, 11 May 2006

Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

I am pleased to inform you that the Eleventh Meeting of Women Parliamentarians will be held at the *Kenyatta International Conference Centre (KICC)*, in Nairobi (Kenya), on Sunday, 7 May 2006 from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2.30 to 6.30 p.m., at the latest. The provisional agenda, drawn up by the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians at its session in Geneva in September 2005, is appended hereto.

As can be seen from the provisional annotated agenda, the Meeting in Nairobi will be required to renew part of the membership of the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians in order (i) to replace the regional representatives whose two-year term has expired, (ii) to elect the President of the Coordinating Committee and (iii) to elect the two Vice-Presidents of the Committee.

On 11 May, the Meeting will hold a special sitting to conduct elections. During a first segment (2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.), the Meeting will elect the titular and substitute regional representatives to the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians, on the basis of candidatures submitted by the corresponding geopolitical groups; it will then briefly reconvene at 3.30 p.m. to elect the Bureau of the Coordinating Committee, on the basis of nominations submitted by the latter. An explanatory note on the subject is included in the annotated agenda.

As you know, Article 10.1 of the Statutes provides that each national delegation to the meetings organised by the Inter-Parliamentary Union shall include at least one woman MP and I wish to urge you to make a special effort to ensure that one or more women parliamentarians represent your Parliament at the Meeting. You will be pleased to note that at the last IPU Assembly, more than 30% of participants were women, setting a record that I hope we will surpass in Nairobi.

The discussions at the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians are public and men MPs wishing to follow or contribute to them are cordially invited to do so. Furthermore, as you will note from the agenda, a special segment of dialogue between men and women on *Positive action measures for the promotion of women in politics: pros and cons* will take place during the Meeting, on 7 May, at 3 p.m. I hope that men and women MPs from your Parliament will take part in the dialogue.

Yours sincerely,

Anders B. Johnsson
Secretary General

Encl: Annotated provisional agenda