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## **The Meeting of Women Parliamentarians**

**Special Dialogue Session between Women and Men**

**Saturday, 27 March 2010**

### **‘Combating Violence against Women, with a particular focus on women held in places of detention and imprisonment’**

Both men and women parliamentarians are invited to discuss this challenging issue.

The debate will focus on the general role of parliaments in combating violence against women. Particular emphasis will be placed on the situation of women in prison and immigration detention centers, where women find themselves in dependency situations, which heightens their vulnerability to abuse, discrimination and violence. The dialogue session will examine what members of parliaments can do to prevent such abuse and violence, punish perpetrators and support victims.

The debate will take place from **2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.**

It will be introduced by a keynote address by **Her Royal Highness, Princess Bajrakitiyabha, UNIFEM Goodwill Ambassador** on violence against women.

The address will be followed by the interventions of:

Ms. Mary Murphy, Policy Director, Penal Reform International

and

Ms. Gisèle Gauthier, Senator, France