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130th IPU ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

Geneva, 16 – 20.3.2014

Meeting of Women Parliamentarians
Agenda

FEM/19/A.1
14 February 2014

Nineteenth Meeting of Women Parliamentarians

16 and 18 March 2014

I. SCHEDULE AND DEBATING ARRANGEMENTS

The Nineteenth Meeting of Women Parliamentarians will take place on the premises of the CICG and will comprise four sittings:

- § Two regular sittings on Sunday, 16 March, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 2:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the latest, to consider all the agenda items except item 9;
- § One special sitting on Tuesday, 18 March, from 3 to 3:45 p.m., to elect new titular and substitute regional representatives to the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians
- § A second special sitting on Tuesday, 18 March, from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m., to elect the President and two Vice-Presidents of the Coordinating Committee.

The work of the Meeting will be carried out partly in plenary and partly in working groups.

The President of the Meeting will seek to promote an active and spontaneous dialogue. Interventions should therefore be brief and not exceed three minutes. No list of speakers will be drawn up in advance. In plenary, participants will be able to indicate their wish to take the floor by completing the registration form they will find on their desks and handing it to the ushers who will pass them on to the President. This procedure will be optional in the discussion groups.

II. ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA - Sunday, 16 March 2014 (9.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

1. Adoption of the agenda (FEM/19/A.1)

2. Gender activities at the Inter-Parliamentary Union Assemblies

- (a) Work of the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians at its previous two sessions (FEM/19/2(a)-Inf.1)
Participants will be informed of the Coordinating Committee's deliberations at its sittings of 6 October 2013, and of 16 March 2014, in Geneva.
- (b) Adoption of the amendments to the Rules of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians and the Rules of the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians (FEM/19/2(b)-Inf.1)
- (c) Work and recommendations of the Gender Partnership Group
Participants will be informed of the work of the Gender Partnership Group.
- (d) Briefing on recent IPU activities in the area of gender equality
- (e) Any other business

3. Future of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians

Participants will be invited to take part in a short consultation on the nature, format and objectives of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians.

The discussion will conclude by 11 a.m.

4. Contribution to the work of the 130th Assembly (FEM/19/3-Inf.1)

Women parliamentarians are invited to discuss the following items of the agenda of the 130th Assembly:

- Towards risk-resilient development: Taking into consideration demographic trends and natural constraints. (Second Standing Committee)
- The role of parliaments in protecting the rights of children, in particular unaccompanied migrant children, and in preventing their exploitation in situations of war and conflict (Third Standing Committee)

Participants will split into two groups, one per topic.

Beforehand, the participants will elect, on the recommendation of the Coordinating Committee, a moderator and a rapporteur for each of the working groups formed. At the end of the discussion, each group will agree on the key ideas to be presented by the rapporteur to the afternoon plenary Meeting of Women Parliamentarians.

The rapporteur of each discussion group will be in charge of drafting amendments to the draft resolution submitted to the Second and Third Standing Committees for discussion. These amendments will be drafted in consultation with the President of the Coordinating Committee and the President of the Meeting and submitted on behalf of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians. The amendments will aim at introducing a gender perspective to the two resolutions.

Each discussion group will debate from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Meeting will adjourn from 1 to 2.30 p.m.

5. Panel debate “What priorities for women in the next ten years?”

Women, more than half of the world’s population, remain by far the most disadvantaged group in all spheres of life. They also constitute the largest untapped potential for progress.

In many countries, women still do not enjoy basic rights and freedoms. Discriminatory laws and cultural norms deprive women of economic opportunities, with lower access to credit and lower wages. In most countries, barriers still exist, preventing women from entering politics or corporate boardrooms. Violence against women remains pervasive and further underscores women’s vulnerability in most of our societies.

The transformation of the MDGs into a new global development agenda beyond 2015 offers a significant opportunity to ensure that gender equality is central to the new framework. It will therefore be important that women’s voices be heard. What are therefore women’s priorities for the next ten years, both in terms of women’s rights and the achievement of gender equality?

Debates will be launched by high-level personalities. In their interventions, participants will be asked to identify three priorities that they commit to work on. Participants will also be presented with the latest Map on Women in Politics: 2014, jointly produced by the IPU and UN Women.

The discussion will conclude by 4:15 p.m.

6. Hearing of the candidates to the post of IPU Secretary General

The Meeting will have an opportunity to hear the candidates to the post of IPU Secretary General.

7. Report of the rapporteurs of the discussion groups

The rapporteurs of the discussion groups will present their reports. The Meeting will then ask them to prepare, in consultation with the President of the Coordinating Committee and the President of the Meeting, amendments to be presented during the general debate of the Second Standing Committee and the Third Standing Committee (Tuesday, 18 March), in accordance with the modalities specified under item 4.

8. Future Meeting of Women Parliamentarians

The Meeting will be informed of the date and place of its next sitting.

III. ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA - Tuesday, 18 March 2014

1. Opening of the Meeting

2. Elections to the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians (3 to 3:45 p.m.) (FEM/19/9-Inf.1 and FEM/19/9-Inf.2)

The 19th Meeting of Women Parliamentarians will be called upon to renew half of the membership of its Coordinating Committee, to replace those titular and substitute representatives whose term expires in March 2014, as well as those members of parliaments that have lost their seat in Parliament.

After the elections, the Meeting will be suspended from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. to allow the newly-constituted Coordinating Committee to meet in camera and select candidates for its Bureau (President, First Vice-President and Second Vice-President).

3. Elections to the Bureau of the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians
(5:15 to 5:45 p.m.)

The 19th Meeting of Women Parliamentarians resume its sitting to approve the candidatures for the offices of President and First and Second Vice-Presidents of the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians.

Procedure for Elections to the Coordinating Committee to be held during the 19th Meeting of Women Parliamentarians

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The Meeting will also be called upon to replace members who have lost their parliamentary seats (Annex II contains the list of the current Coordinating Committee members).

Elections of the regional representatives and their substitutes: rules and procedure

Rule 31.1(c) of the Rules of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians provides that one representative from each of the IPU geopolitical Groups be elected for a four-year term of office and that a substitute for each regional representative shall be elected at the same election. A retiring member shall not be eligible for re-election for two years.

The IPU Geopolitical Groups are the following:

- African Group
- Arab Group
- Asia and Pacific Group
- Eurasian Group
- Group of Latin America and the Caribbean
- Twelve Plus Group

The geopolitical groups should submit candidatures in writing. Individual IPU Members wishing to submit candidatures should submit them only to their geopolitical group. Each candidature should be accompanied by a brief curriculum vitae (3 paragraphs maximum) of the candidate in English and French only, for distribution to participants. Geopolitical groups are requested to submit candidatures in writing by Monday, 17 March by 2 p.m. at the latest.

Schedule

In accordance with the provisions of the Rules of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians, the elections will be held during two special sittings, which will take place on Tuesday, 18 March:

- The first sitting will elect the titular and substitute regional representatives. Immediately following this election, the newly constituted Coordinating Committee will meet *in camera* to nominate candidates for the offices of President and First and Second Vice-Presidents of the Committee.
- The second sitting will approve these candidatures

Election of the President and the First and Second Vice-Presidents of the Coordinating Committee: Rules and procedure

Rule 32 of the Rules of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians stipulates that "*after each renewal of the regional representatives, every two years, the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians shall, on the proposal of the Coordinating Committee, elect the President, First Vice-President and Second Vice-President of the Coordinating Committee from among parliamentarians of different regions*".

COMPOSITION AND OFFICERS OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS

BUREAU (2012-2014)

<i>President</i>	Dr. N. Assegaf (Indonesia)
<i>First Vice-President</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>Second Vice-President</i>	Ms. B. Amongi (Uganda)

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Expiry of term

African Group:

<i>Titular:</i>	<i>Substitute:</i>	
<i>Vacant</i>	Ms. M. Semetta (Mauritania)	March 2016
Ms. Z. Drabo (Burkina Faso)	Ms. S. Shope-Sithole (South Africa)	March 2014

Arab Group:

<i>Titular:</i>	<i>Substitute:</i>	
<i>Vacant</i>	Ms. A. Talabani (Iraq)	March 2016
<i>Vacant</i>	Ms. I. Al Wazir (Palestine)	March 2014

Asia-Pacific Group:

<i>Titular:</i>	<i>Substitute:</i>	
Ms. E. Abdulla (Maldives)	<i>Vacant</i>	March 2016
Dr. N. Assegaf (Indonesia)	Ms. K. Ghosh Dastidar (India)	March 2014

Eurasia Group:

<i>Titular:</i>	<i>Substitute:</i>	
Ms. E. Semenova (Russian Federation)	<i>Vacant</i>	March 2016
Ms. A. Naumchik (Belarus)	<i>Vacant</i>	March 2014

Group of Latin American and the Caribbean:

<i>Titular:</i>	<i>Substitute:</i>	
Ms. M. Padierna Luna (Mexico)	<i>Vacant</i>	March 2016
<i>Vacant</i>	Ms. Y. Ferrer Gómez (Cuba)	March 2014

Twelve Plus Group:

<i>Titular:</i>	<i>Substitute:</i>	
Ms. U. Karlsson (Sweden)	Ms. M. André (France)	March 2016
Ms. F. Dağci Çiğlik (Turkey)	<i>Vacant</i>	March 2014

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(ex officio, for the duration of their term on the Executive Committee)

Expiry of term

Ms. F. Diendéré Diallo (Burkina Faso)	October 2015
Ms. N. Motsamai (Lesotho)	October 2015
Ms. R. Kadaga (Uganda)	October 2015
Ms. I. Passada (Uruguay)	October 2015
Ms. S. Moulengui-Mouélé (Gabon)	October 2014

CHAIRPERSONS OF THE MEETING OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS

(ex officio for two years)

Expiry of term

Ms. B. Amongi (Uganda)	March 2014
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