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CONVOCAATION OF THE NINETEENTH MEETING OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS *Geneva, CICG, Sunday, 16 March and Tuesday, 18 March 2014*

Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

I am pleased to inform you that the Nineteenth Meeting of Women Parliamentarians will be held at the CICG, in Geneva (Switzerland), on Sunday, 16 March 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2:30 to 6:00 p.m., at the latest. The provisional agenda, drawn up by the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians at its session in Geneva in October 2013, is appended hereto.

As you will see, at its morning session the Meeting will discuss the draft resolutions of the Second and the Third Standing Committees, with a view to developing possible gender-related amendments. The afternoon session will focus on a debate on future priorities for women in politics and on the hearing of the candidates to the post of IPU Secretary General.

Furthermore, the Meeting 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 term has expired or who are no longer parliamentarians, (ii) to elect the President of the Coordinating Committee and (iii) to elect the two Vice-Presidents of the Committee.

The Meeting will hold a special sitting on 18 March to conduct the elections. From 3 to 3:45 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 from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. to elect the new 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 of the Meeting.

As you know, Article 10.1 of the Statutes provides that each national delegation to the meetings organized by the IPU shall include at least one man and one woman parliamentarian. I therefore wish to urge you to make a special effort to ensure that one or more women parliamentarians represent your Parliament at the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians. Men parliamentarians are encouraged to follow and contribute to the debates and I very much hope that a good number will attend.

Yours sincerely,

Anders B. Johansson
Secretary General

Encl: Annotated provisional agenda