

## 131<sup>st</sup> IPU ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

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## Convocation of the 20th Meeting of Women Parliamentarians

Geneva, 12 October 2014

Dear Madam President, Dear Mr. President,

I am pleased to inform you that the 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Women Parliamentarians will be held at the CICG, in Geneva (Switzerland), on Sunday, 12 October 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2:30 to 6:00 p.m., at the latest. The provisional annotated agenda, drawn up by the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians at its session in Geneva in June 2014, is appended hereto.

At its morning sitting the Meeting will hold a special debate on electoral quotas for women in politics and will discuss the draft resolution of the Third Standing Committee, with a view to developing possible gender-related amendments. The afternoon sitting will discuss women's influence on Parliament and hear the candidates for the post of IPU President.

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,

Martin Chungong Secretary General

Encl: Annotated provisional agenda