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21st MEETING OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS

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Meeting of Women Parliamentarians
Agenda

FEM/21/A.1
10 February 2015

I. Schedule and meeting arrangements

The 21st Meeting of Women Parliamentarians will take place in the National Convention Centre (NCC), and will comprise two sittings one on Saturday 28 March, from 9.30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and another from 2 to 6 p.m.

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.

II. Annotated provisional agenda

1. Election of the President of the Meeting (FEM/21/1-Inf.1)

2. Adoption of the agenda (FEM/21/A.1)

3. Gender activities at IPU Assemblies

- (a) Work of the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians at its previous sessions and elections to fill vacant posts on the Committee
- Participants will be informed of the Coordinating Committee's deliberations at its session of 16 October 2014, in Geneva and its session of 28 March, in Hanoi;
 - Participants will be called upon to elect one titular regional representative for the Asia-Pacific Group (end of term March 2018), one substitute member for the Africa Group (end of term March 2018) and one titular representative for the Arab Group (end of term March 2016) to fill vacant posts .
- (b) Functioning of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians and its Coordinating Committee
- Participants will discuss the results of the debates on enhancing the role of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians and its Coordinating Committee and draw up recommendations in this regard.
- (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
- Participants will have before them the 2015 version of the Women in Politics Map – a joint IPU-UN Women publication – a comparative study of women in parliaments in 1995 and 2015, as well as the results of the parliamentary event organized during the 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women on the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action.

The discussion will conclude by 11 a.m.

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4. Contribution to the work of the 132nd Assembly

Women parliamentarians will be invited to discuss the following items on the agenda of the 132nd Assembly:

- *Cyber warfare: A serious threat to peace and global security* (Standing Committee on Peace and International Security)
- *Shaping a new system of water governance: Promoting parliamentary action on water* (Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade)

The Meeting will split into two discussion groups, one per topic. On the recommendation of the Coordinating Committee, it will elect a moderator and a rapporteur for each group who will agree on the key ideas to be submitted to the afternoon plenary sitting of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians.

Each group will meet from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

The Meeting will adjourn from 12.30 to 2 p.m.

5. Celebration of the 30th anniversary of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians

Participants will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Meeting. This item will include a presentation of the IPU's celebratory activities and presentations by participants of actions they have taken or intend to take at the national level to mark this anniversary.

The discussion will conclude by 3.30 p.m.

6. Panel discussion on Beijing + 20

In 2015, the Beijing Declaration and Plan of Action will reach their 20-year milestone. The panel will provide the opportunity to take stock of the implementation of the Beijing commitments, to look towards the future and to build on the past achievements. Participants will hear presentations to be followed by a debate.

The discussion will conclude by 5 p.m.

7. Report of the rapporteurs

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 plenary debate of the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security (morning of Sunday, 29 March) and the Standing Committee on Sustainable Development, Finance and Trade (afternoon of Sunday, 29 March), in accordance with the modalities specified under item 4. The amendments will aim to introduce a gender perspective to the two resolutions.

8. Future Meeting of Women Parliamentarians

The 22nd Meeting of Women Parliamentarians will be held on the occasion of the 133rd IPU Assembly (Colombia, October 2015).