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133rd IPU ASSEMBLY AND RELATED MEETINGS

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22nd MEETING OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS

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Meeting of Women Parliamentarians
Agenda

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I. SCHEDULE OF MEETING AND DEBATING ARRANGEMENTS

The 22nd Meeting of Women Parliamentarians will take place on the premises of the CICG and will comprise two sittings. During its first sitting on Saturday, 17 October, from 2.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m., the Meeting will aim to ensure that gender is mainstreamed in the work of the 133rd Assembly.

The second sitting, on Tuesday 20 October, will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will focus on a debate on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and on the review of implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security. It will also address on-going matters relating to the functioning of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians. The Meeting will host a Parity Debate on the next Global Parliamentary Report on the theme "Parliamentary oversight and political will", scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on that same day.

The Meeting should be an opportunity for 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.

II. ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Saturday, 17 October 2015

First sitting: 2:30 to 6 p.m.

1. **Adoption of the agenda**
2. **Gender activities at IPU Assemblies**
 - (a) Work of the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians at its previous sessions
Participants will be informed of the Coordinating Committee's deliberations at its sessions of 30 March in Hanoi and of 17 October 2015, in Geneva.
 - (b) Work and recommendations of the Gender Partnership Group
 - (c) Any other business

Discussions under this item will conclude at 3 p.m.

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3. Contribution to the work of the 133rd Assembly with a view to providing an input from a gender perspective

a) Contribution to the work of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights

Women parliamentarians will be invited to discuss the following item of the agenda of the 133rd Assembly:

- Democracy in the digital era and the threat to privacy and individual freedoms

The Rapporteur of the Standing Committee, Ms. B. Jónsdóttir, will introduce the item.

The participants will elect, on the recommendation of the Coordinating Committee, a rapporteur who will present a report to the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians.

The Meeting will then ask her to prepare, in consultation with the President of the Coordinating Committee, amendments to be presented during the general debate of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights (Sunday, 18 October).

Discussions under this item will conclude at 4:30 p.m.

b) Contribution to the General Debate at the 133rd Assembly

Women parliamentarians will be invited to discuss the topic “Women’s experiences as migrants and refugees: human rights and socioeconomic perspectives” as a gender dimension contribution to the theme of the General Debate of the Assembly on “The moral and economic imperative for fairer, smarter and more humane migration”.

Two panellists will be invited to address the gender dimensions of migration and the best ways to respond to the particular challenges women face as they migrate to work or to seek refuge.

1. CEDAW and the State's duty to fulfil the human rights of women in forced migration.
Ms Ismat Jahan, UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)
2. Women’s experiences as migrant workers: opportunities and challenges.
Mr Laurent de Boeck, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Discussions under this item will conclude at 6 p.m.

The debates will be launched by a panel and will be followed by a discussion with participants.

<i>Tuesday, 20 October 2015</i>

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

PARITY DEBATE ON THE NEXT GLOBAL PARLIAMENTARY REPORT on the theme “PARLIAMENTARY OVERSIGHT AND POLITICAL WILL”

All delegates to the 133rd IPU Assembly are invited to participate in this debate.

Second sitting: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

4. Future of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians and its Coordinating Committee

- a. Participants will receive a report from the Coordinating Committee on amendments to the Rules of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians and of its Coordinating Committee
- b. Follow-up on the campaign: *I am an MP. My power for women’s power*: Participants will discuss parliamentary initiatives that male and female parliamentarians can take to enhance women’s participation in parliament

Discussions under this item will conclude at 12 noon.

5. CEDAW and UNSCR 1325: Gender equality as an indispensable element of sustainable peace and security

A member of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women will inform the Meeting on recent developments in the work of the Committee and its cooperation with parliaments and the IPU.

The briefing will be followed by a question and answer session. Participants will also debate on UN

Security Council Resolution on Women, Peace and Security on the occasion of its 15-year review taking place in 2015.

To launch discussions, two panelists will be invited to present their views:

1. Ms. Lia Nadaraia, CEDAW member: The CEDAW Convention and its General recommendation No. 30 as a benchmark to promote gender equality in the area of peace and security.
2. Mr. Ekwee Ethuro, President of the Senate of Kenya

Discussions under this item will conclude at 1 p.m.

6. Next Meeting of Women Parliamentarians