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Convocation of the 22nd Meeting of Women Parliamentarians

Geneva, 17 and 20 October 2015

Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

The 22nd Meeting of Women Parliamentarians will be held at the Centre International de Conférence Genève (CICG), in Geneva (Switzerland). The Meeting will hold two sittings: on Saturday, 17 October 2015 from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Tuesday, 20 October, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The first sitting will be dedicated to discussing the Meeting's contribution to work of the 133rd Assembly. It will strive to provide gender-related input into the work of the Assembly by debating item 4 of the Assembly agenda (Democracy in the digital era and the threat to privacy and individual freedoms) and holding a debate on migration and women. The second sitting will include a debate on parliaments, CEDAW and UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security. The provisional annotated agenda, drawn up by the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians at its session in Hanoi in March 2015, is appended hereto.

Article 10.1 of the Statutes of the IPU provides that each national delegation to the meetings organized by the IPU shall include at least one man and one woman parliamentarian. I therefore urge you to ensure that one or more women parliamentarians represent your Parliament at the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians, as well as male parliamentarians.

On Tuesday, 20 October, the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians will also host a parity debate on "Parliamentary oversight and political will". The debate is open to men and women parliamentarians and IPU Members are invited to be represented by a least one male and female parliamentarian. This initiative is part of the Meeting's effort to enhance dialogue between women and men within the IPU, and encouraging male parliamentarians' participation in gender-related debates. I very much hope that a good number of men and women parliamentarians will attend the parity debate.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Chungong
Secretary General

Encl: Annotated provisional agenda