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Convocation to the Forum of Women Parliamentarians' 26th session

St. Petersburg, 14 October 2017

Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

The 26th session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians will be held on the occasion of the 137th Assembly in Tavrichesky Palace in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation. The Forum will meet on Saturday, 14 October 2017, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. You will find enclosed the provisional annotated agenda, which was prepared by the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians at its session held in Dhaka in April 2017.

At its first sitting, the Forum will discuss its contribution to the work of the 137th Assembly and will provide gender-related input on Item 4 of the Assembly agenda *Sharing our diversity: The 20th anniversary of the Universal Declaration on Democracy*. At the second sitting, it will hold a discussion on marking the 5th anniversary of the Plan of Action for Gender-sensitive Parliaments and hear the candidates for the office of President of the IPU.

The Forum will also hold a parity debate on Tuesday, 17 October 2017 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Dumsky Hall (ground floor), Tavrichesky Palace. The debate will centre on the theme *Holding the purse strings: Exercising oversight for the common good* and will be open to all delegations members, both women and men.

The Forum of Women Parliamentarians is open to both women and men parliamentarians members of delegations to IPU Assemblies. I therefore urge you to encourage men and women members of your delegation to participate.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Chungong
Secretary General

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