Implementing the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
The Role of Parliaments and their Members

Geneva, 19 October 2006

Annotated provisional programme

08:45-09:30 Registration
09:30-09:45 Welcoming remarks
09:45-11:00 Introducing the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and its Optional Protocol
   ➢ Why a Convention on discrimination against women?
   ➢ Why an Optional Protocol to the Convention?

Presentations by:
A member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
Ms. Christine Brautigam, Chief, Women’s Rights Section, Division for the Advancement of Women

The presentations will be followed by a debate

11:00-11:15 Coffee break
11:15-12:30 Implementing the Convention: the Role of Parliament
   ➢ Developing an adequate legislative and oversight framework
   ➢ Working with civil society and the media
   ➢ Keeping track of progress
   ➢ Parliamentary involvement in the CEDAW reporting mechanism

Presentations by:
A member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women;
A member of Parliament

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12:30-14:30 Lunch break
14:30-15:45 Violence against women and the Convention
   ➢ How is VAW addressed by the CEDAW?
   ➢ What is required of States Party?
   ➢ What can Parliaments do?

Presentation by:
A member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

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15:45 - 17:00 Violence against Women Legislation
   ➢ What type of legislation?
   ➢ How to ensure proper implementation?

Presentation by:
Two members of Parliament
Ms. Christine Brautigam, Chief, Women’s Rights Section, Division for the Advancement of Women

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17:00 - 17:30 Conclusions and recommendations