



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

Geneva, 11 October 2007

### Provisional Draft Program

08:45-09:30	<b>Registration</b>
09:30-09:45	<b>Welcoming remarks</b>
09:45-11:00	<p><b>Introducing the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and its Optional Protocol</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Why a Convention on discrimination against women?</li> <li>➤ Why an Optional Protocol to the Convention?</li> </ul> <p>Presentations by: A member of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women An officer of the UN Division for the Advancement of Women</p> <p><b>The presentations will be followed by a debate</b></p>
11:00-11:15	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:15-12:30	<p><b>Implementing the Convention: the Role of Parliament</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Developing an adequate legislative and oversight framework</li> <li>➤ Working with civil society and the media</li> <li>➤ Keeping track of progress</li> <li>➤ Parliamentary involvement in the CEDAW reporting mechanism</li> </ul> <p>Presentations by: A member of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women A parliamentarian</p> <p><b>The presentations will be followed by a debate</b></p>
12:30-14:30	<b>Lunch</b>
14:30-15:45	<p><b>Article IV of the Convention: Temporary special measures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ What are temporary special measures?</li> <li>➤ Pros and cons</li> <li>➤ What are the challenges faced?</li> </ul> <p>Presentation by: A member of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women</p> <p><b>The presentation will be followed by a debate</b></p>
15:45 - 17:00	<p><b>Temporary special measures in practice</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Quotas for women in politics</li> <li>➤ Temporary special measures in the private sector and in education</li> </ul> <p>Presentation by: An IPU officer An officer of the UN Division for the Advancement of Women An expert</p> <p><b>The presentations will be followed by a debate</b></p>
17:00 - 17:30	<b>Conclusions and recommendations</b>