Geneva, 29 January 2010

Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

I refer to circular letter GRP/2009/Inf.8 of 17 December 2009 regarding the one-day parliamentary event entitled The Role of Parliaments in Enforcing Gender Equality and Women’s Rights: 15 Years after Beijing. The event is hosted by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women (UNDAW) and will take place on Tuesday, 2 March 2010, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., in the new ECOSOC Chamber at UN Headquarters in New York, during the forthcoming 54th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

You will find enclosed a copy of the invitation letter, the agenda and other documents, which are also available at http://www.ipu.org/splz-e/csw10.htm. The date of this event is fast approaching. For those that have not yet responded, we would greatly appreciate your letting us know by 17 February whether your Parliament will be participating.

I take this opportunity to inform you that the IPU is also organizing a side event on Parliaments Take Action to End Violence against Women (1 March, 1:15-2:45 p.m., Room C - in English only). I hope members of your parliament will be able to attend this meeting as well.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary General