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Havana, 1 - 7 April 2001



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**CONVOCAION OF THE
FIFTH MEETING OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS**

Palacio de Convenciones (Convention Centre), Havana (Cuba), 1 April 2001

Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

I am pleased to inform you that the Fifth¹ Meeting of Women Parliamentarians will be held at the Palacio de Convenciones (Convention Centre), Havana, on Sunday, 1 April 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. approximately.

The provisional agenda, drawn up by the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians at its session in Jakarta in October 2000, is appended hereto. An annotated agenda will be sent to you in early 2001 to make it easier for the delegation from your parliament to participate in the proceedings.

As you know, Article 11.1 of the Statutes provides that each national delegation to the meetings organised by the Inter-Parliamentary Union should if possible include at least one woman MP, and the Gender Partnership Group is in the process of studying various options designed to ensure a better gender balance in the composition of national delegations. Accordingly, I wish to urge you to make a special effort to ensure that your parliament's delegation to the Havana Meetings includes one or more women MPs, unless this is impossible.

The discussions at the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians are public and men MPs wishing to follow them are cordially invited to do so. Rule 4.2 of the Rules of the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians provides that the President may, subject to the agreement of the participants, give them the floor.

Yours sincerely,

Anders B. Johnsson
Secretary General

Encl: Annotated agenda

¹ The number of the session is calculated with effect from the date on which the Meeting was officially recognised in the Statutes of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, i.e. in September 1998. In reality, the first Meeting of Women Parliamentarians was held in Bonn in 1978.



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Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Strategies of women parliamentarians:
 - (i) *Work and recommendations of the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians*
 - (ii) *Questions relating to the reform of the Inter-Parliamentary Union*
 - (iii) *Election of women to posts to be filled on the occasion of the 105th Conference*
 - (iv) *Any other business*
3. Securing observance of the principles of international law in the interests of world peace and security: Contribution to the work of the 105th Conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (*First Committee*)
4. Action by the Inter-Parliamentary Union to promote partnership between men and women:
 - (i) *Work and recommendations of the Gender Partnership Group*
 - (ii) *Activities of Focal Points*
 - (iii) *Specialised meetings and other initiatives*
5. Action by the Inter-Parliamentary Union to strengthen the parliamentary dimension of United Nations efforts to promote partnership between men and women:
 - (i) *IPU - UN cooperation in this field*
 - (ii) *National, regional and international follow-up to the Beijing Platform for Action and the Final Document of the "Beijing + 5" Special Session of the UN General Assembly*
 - (iii) *Ratification and application of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the related Optional Protocol*
 - (iv) *Any other initiatives*
6. Place, date and agenda of the Sixth Meeting of Women Parliamentarians