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Provisional agenda of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians 30th session

*Sunday, 13 October 2019, 10.30 – 1 p.m. and 2.30 – 5.30 p.m.
Amphitheater (ground floor), Building B, Sava Centar*

I. MEETING SCHEDULE AND SPEAKING ARRANGEMENTS

The 30th session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians will be held in the Amphitheater (ground floor), Building B of the Sava Centar in Belgrade (Serbia), on 13 October 2019, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m.

The session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians is open to women and men parliamentarians who wish to take part in the various discussions and debates. The session is meant to elicit a spontaneous and active debate. Speaking time may not exceed three minutes. There will be no formal list of speakers. In plenary, participants will be able to request the floor by completing the form to be found on the desks.

II. ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Election of the President of the 30th session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians

2. Welcome remarks

3. Adoption of the agenda

4. Activities to advance gender equality

(a) Report of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians

Participants will be briefed about the Bureau's deliberations at its sessions in Doha in April 2019 and in Belgrade on 13 October 2019.

(b) Report of the Gender Partnership Group

Participants will be briefed about the work and recommendations of the Group. The Group works to ensure gender equality within the IPU. It initiates reforms in this area and oversees their implementation. It is composed of two men and two women members of the Executive Committee.

(c) Update on IPU activities for the promotion of gender equality

Participants will be briefed about recent activities to promote gender equality.

The discussion will conclude by 11.15 a.m.

5. Contribution to the work of the 141st Assembly from a gender perspective

Participants will be invited to discuss the draft resolution *Achieving Universal Health Coverage by 2030: The role of parliaments in ensuring the right to health* (Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights) that is on the Agenda of the 141st Assembly. Participants will discuss the draft resolution from a gender perspective and issue recommendations on gender-related amendments to be submitted by the Forum of Women Parliamentarians to the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights. For this purpose, they will work in two discussion groups as follows:

Group 1 will discuss: *Ensuring Universal Health Coverage is responsive to the needs of women and girls.*

Group 2 will discuss: *Lifting legal, social, economic and financial barriers for women's and girls' access to health care services.*

After a short presentation on the draft resolution, the Forum will split into discussion groups. On the recommendation of its Bureau, the Forum will designate a chairperson and a rapporteur for each group. The rapporteurs will submit the groups' recommendations to the Forum of Women Parliamentarians at its afternoon sitting.

Each group will meet from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Group 1 will meet in the Amphitheater (ground floor), Building B of the Sava Centar.

Group 2 will meet in Hall 3/0 (ground floor), Building A of the Sava Centar.

The Forum will resume its work at 2.30 p.m.

6. Panel discussion: *Eliminating discrimination in law*

The Panel discussion will mark the 40th anniversary of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and will focus on the role of parliaments in legislating for gender equality and lifting legal barriers to the enjoyment of human rights by all women and girls. The Panel will also include a presentation and discussion on the initiative *Equality in Law for Women and Girls by 2030: A Multistakeholder Strategy for Accelerated Action* launched by UN Women in partnership with the IPU and other partners.

The panel discussion will conclude by 4.30 p.m.

7. Elections to the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians

The Forum of Women Parliamentarians will be called upon to fill the vacant seats on the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians:

- One regional representative for the Eurasia Group (end of term March 2020) to fill the seat left vacant by Ms. S. Sardaryan (Armenia), who is no longer a parliamentarian;
- One regional representative for the Twelve Plus Group (end of term March 2022) to fill the seat left vacant by Ms. O. Sotnyk (Ukraine), who is no longer a parliamentarian;
- One regional representative for the African Group (end of term March 2020) to fill the seat left vacant by Ms. J.d'A. Gakuba (Rwanda), who will no longer be a parliamentarian at the time of the Belgrade Assembly.

Elections will be held on the basis of candidatures received from the corresponding geopolitical groups.

8. Report of the discussion group rapporteurs

The discussion group rapporteurs will present their reports. The Forum will then ask them to consult with the President of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians and prepare amendments aimed to enhance a gender perspective in the draft resolution to be presented during the debate of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights.

9. Venue and date of the 31st session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians (Geneva, April 2020)

Parity Debate

#Not In My Parliament: National and regional strategies

Wednesday, 16 October, Hall 1/0 (ground floor), Building A of the Sava Centar from 9 to 10.30 a.m.

The overall aim of the parity debate is to promote dialogue between women and men at the IPU, and encourage them to debate issues of common interest together. An equal number of men and women will speak in the debate so that the views and experiences of both genders can emerge clearly while ensuring that gender equality concerns are mainstreamed into the discussion.

Delegations are therefore invited to be represented in this debate by male and female participants. The parity debate will focus on national and regional strategies to end sexist harassment and violence in parliament.