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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

It is our pleasure to invite your Parliament to participate in a webinar for parliaments in Africa on the subject *Preventing and responding to violence against women in parliaments*, which will take place on the Zoom platform from 14:30 to 17:15 (CET) on 22 November 2023. This webinar will provide an opportunity to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and the start of 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence (25 November to 10 December).

The webinar is aimed at gathering information on actions taken by parliaments in Africa to fight sexism, harassment and violence against women on parliamentary premises and in political life since the publication of the [study on this subject carried out jointly by the IPU and APU](#) in 2021. To that end, participating delegations will be asked to explain how their parliaments have drawn on this study to confront sexism, harassment and violence against women within their institutions and in political life more broadly. Delegations will be invited to present the initiatives and good practices that their parliaments have implemented in this regard. The challenges and difficulties encountered will also form part of the discussion. Please find attached the concept note for the webinar, which contains all relevant information.

The webinar is open to both men and women parliamentarians and parliamentary staff. Participants are invited to register at this link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tcO2vrTMsGtG6r0asgw_708523Gp-fuFR.

We hope that your parliament will be able to participate in this webinar.

Yours sincerely,

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