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CONVOCATION OF THE SIXTEENTH MEETING OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS

ATLAPA Convention Centre, Friday, 15 April 2011

Dear Madam President, Dear Mr. President,

I am pleased to inform you that the Sixteenth Meeting of Women Parliamentarians will take place on the premises of the ATLAPA Convention Centre in Panama City, on Friday, 15 April 2011, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2.30 to 6.30 p.m., at the latest. The provisional agenda, drawn up by the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians at its session in Geneva in February 2011, is appended hereto.

As you know, Article 10.1 of the Statutes provides that each national delegation to the meetings organised by the Inter-Parliamentary Union shall include at least one man and one woman parliamentarian. I therefore wish to urge you to make a special effort to ensure that one or more women parliamentarians represent your Parliament at the Meeting of Women Parliamentarians.

The discussions at the Meeting are public and men MPs wishing to follow or contribute to them are cordially invited to do so. Furthermore, as you will note from the agenda, a dialogue session between men and women on *Gender Sensitive Parliaments* will take place during the Meeting, at 3:30 p.m. I hope that men and women parliamentarians from your Parliament will wish to take part in the dialogue.

Yours sincerely,

Anders B. Johnsson Secretary General

Encl: Annotated provisional agenda