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**CONVOCAATION OF THE
SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS**
Imperial Royale Hotel, Saturday, 31 March and Wednesday, 4 April 2010

Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

I am pleased to inform you that the Seventeenth Meeting of Women Parliamentarians will be held at the Imperial Royal Hotel, in Kampala (Uganda), on Saturday, 31 March 2012 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 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 October 2011, is appended hereto.

As you will see, at its morning session the Meeting will discuss the draft resolutions of the Second and the Third Standing Committees, with a view to developing possible gender-related amendments. The afternoon session will focus on women in politics. Special attention will also be placed on the question of mentorship and support to new or aspiring female parliamentarians under the special dialogue segment on *Supporting the next generation of women MPs*.

In Kampala, the Meeting will be required to renew part of the membership of the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians in order (i) to replace the regional representatives whose term has expired or who are no longer parliamentarians, (ii) to elect the President of the Coordinating Committee and (iii) to elect the two Vice-Presidents of the Committee.

The Meeting will hold a special sitting on 4 April to conduct the elections. From 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., the Meeting will elect the titular and substitute regional representatives to the Coordinating Committee of Women Parliamentarians, on the basis of candidatures submitted by the corresponding geopolitical groups. It will then briefly reconvene from 4 to 4:30 p.m. to elect the new Bureau of the Coordinating Committee, on the basis of nominations submitted by the latter. An explanatory note on the subject is included in the annotated agenda of the Meeting.

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. Men parliamentarians are encouraged to follow and contribute to the debates and I very much hope that a good number will attend.

Yours sincerely,

Anders B. Johnsson
Secretary General

Encl: Annotated provisional agenda