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## Convocation of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians 25<sup>th</sup> session Dhaka, 1 April 2017

Dear Madam President,  
Dear Mr. President,

The 25<sup>th</sup> session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians will be held as part of the 136<sup>th</sup> Assembly at the Bangabandhu International Conference Center (BICC) in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The Forum will meet on Saturday, 1 April 2017, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 2 to 6 p.m. The provisional annotated agenda, drawn up by the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians at its session held in Geneva in October 2016, is appended.

At its first sitting, the Forum will discuss its contribution to the work of the 136<sup>th</sup> Assembly. It will provide gender-related input to the Item 5 of the Assembly agenda *Promoting enhanced international cooperation on the SDGs, in particular on the financial inclusion of women as a driver of development*. The second sitting will include a debate on women's political participation and one on the empowerment of girls.

The Forum will fill the vacant seats on the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians: one regional representative for the African Group, one for the Asia-Pacific Group and one for the Eurasia Group. Elections will be held on the basis of candidatures submitted by the corresponding geopolitical groups.

The Forum of Women Parliamentarians is open to both women and men parliamentarians members of delegations to IPU Assemblies. I therefore urge you to encourage both men and women members of your delegation to participate in the Forum.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Chungong  
Secretary General

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