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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

I refer to circular letter GRP/2009/Inf.8 of 17 December 2009 regarding the one-day parliamentary event entitled *The Role of Parliaments in Enforcing Gender Equality and Women's Rights: 15 Years after Beijing*. The event is hosted by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women (UNDAW) and will take place on Tuesday, **2 March 2010**, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., in the new ECOSOC Chamber at UN Headquarters in New York, during the forthcoming 54th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

You will find enclosed a copy of the invitation letter, the agenda and other documents, which are also available at <http://www.ipu.org/splz-e/csw10.htm>. The date of this event is fast approaching. For those that have not yet responded, we would greatly appreciate your letting us know by **17 February** whether your Parliament will be participating.

I take this opportunity to inform you that the IPU is also organizing a side event on *Parliaments Take Action to End Violence against Women* (1 March, 1:15-2:45 p.m., Room C - in English only). I hope members of your parliament will be able to attend this meeting as well.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary General