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Regional Seminar for Asia-Pacific Parliaments

Ending the cycle of violence against girls in Asia-Pacific

Dhaka, 23-25 September 2014



Bangladesh Parliament

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Dear Madam Speaker,
Dear Mr. Speaker,

It is our great pleasure to invite your parliament to the Regional Seminar on *Ending the cycle of violence against girls in Asia-Pacific*, which will be held from 23 to 25 September 2014 in Dhaka, Bangladesh. This event is being organized jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Parliament of Bangladesh.

The seminar is intended for all parliaments from the Asia-Pacific region. It will examine violence against girls in the region and discuss effective parliamentary response in terms of legislation and enforcement. Special emphasis will be placed on the three most prevalent forms of violence against girls in Asia-Pacific - early marriage, sexual violence and domestic violence. The event will allow the participants to proactively engage on these issues and elaborate strategies and actions to effectively end violence against girls in their countries and the region.

Each parliament is invited to send a delegation of up to four members, preferably composed of both sexes, with experience in dealing with issues related to violence against women and girls.

We are pleased to attach a draft agenda, an information note and registration forms, which should be completed and returned to the Parliament of Bangladesh with copy to the IPU Secretariat by 10 September 2014 at the latest. Further information about the Regional Seminar will be posted on www.ipu.org as soon as it becomes available.

We look forward to hearing from you, and remain,

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary General

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Speaker of the National Parliament of Bangladesh