



Regional Seminar for Asian Parliaments

Preventing and responding to violence against women and girls: From  
legislation to effective enforcement

New Delhi, 15-17 September 2011

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*The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the Parliament of India*



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Dear Madam Speaker,  
Dear Mr. Speaker

As part of its campaign *Parliaments take action on violence against women*, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, together with the Parliament of India, is organizing a seminar for Asian parliaments entitled "Preventing and responding to violence against women and girls: From legislation to effective law enforcement". We are pleased to invite your parliament to take part in this event, which will be held from 15 to 17 September 2011 in New Delhi. The proceedings will be conducted in English.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide parliamentarians of the region with the elements of a comprehensive and multisectoral response to violence against women and girls and familiarize them with the components of legislation to effectively tackle this scourge. The event will provide an opportunity to shed light on the root causes and consequences of different forms of gender-based violence and the obstacles encountered in putting an end to them. Special emphasis will be placed on prevention and parliamentary mechanisms to secure effective enforcement of legislation. Parliamentarians of the region will be able to exchange experiences and know-how and ultimately identify what parliamentary action can be taken to ensure respect for the fundamental rights of women and girls, most notably their right to a life free of violence.

The target parliaments are invited to send a delegation of three members, preferably composed of both sexes, with experience in human rights and the status of women, or who are members of a parliamentary committee dealing with violence against women and girls.

Please find attached the provisional programme, information note, registration form and hotel reservation form. Travel costs and costs associated with participation must be borne by individual parliaments. We would be grateful if you could register your parliament by 15 August 2011 latest.

We sincerely hope that your parliament will be able to participate in this meeting and look forward to receiving confirmation of your attendance. We look forward to welcoming you soon in New Delhi.

Please accept, «Dear\_Pres», the assurance of our highest consideration.

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Speaker  
Lok Sabha

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