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“We Have Your Back” - Breaking the cycle from online harassment to threats to violence against women and girl leaders

A CSW65 side event organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the League of Women Voters of United States, UN Women, Albania, Australia, Canada, ADIN, FAWCO, IAWRT, ICJW, PPSEAWA at the 65th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in line with the priority theme *Women's full and effective participation and decision-making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls*

Wednesday, 24 March 2021, virtual event

GUIDANCE NOTE ON SPEAKING RIGHTS

The side event “We Have Your Back” will take place on Interprefy on **24 March 2021, from 10.30 o 12 noon EDT (15.30 to 17.00 CET)**.

The side event will be introduced by a moderator, followed by short presentations by panellists and a moderated debate among participants. Members of Parliament and government officers will be invited to address the following suggested questions:

- What actions can you take now to break the cycle from online harassment to threats to violence against women and girl leaders?
- What new partnerships should be built to help identify and address online violence against women and girl leaders?
- Please share existing practices or new strategy that you are developing to tackle online violence against women and girl leaders.

The concept note and flyer for the event can be found at <https://www.ipu.org/event/we-have-your-back-breaking-cycle-online-harassment-threats-violence-against-women-and-girl-leaders#event-sub-page-documents/>

Only members of national parliaments of countries that are recognized by the United Nations and/or are Members of the IPU are entitled to take the floor during the side event.

Members of regional and international parliamentary assemblies that are Associate Members of the IPU can also take the floor during the side event.

Government officers can as well take the floor during the side event.

These aforementioned participants will receive a specific link to access the meeting. The specific link will allow them to request the floor during the proceedings. The link will be sent to the email addresses provided on the registration form available here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe9XsFVcZrKLMIOzsilf1TppDwtVXSG9Qfqy0eHGphL5LMA/viewform>

Members of parliaments and government officers can request the floor to deliver a spontaneous statement. The list of speakers will not be announced in advance: speakers will be invited to take the floor by the moderator during the meeting if time allows.

In order to facilitate lively and interactive debates, there will be no possibility to contribute pre-recorded video statements (except for panellists).

Each live intervention from the floor **should not exceed one minute (maximum)**.

Members of national parliaments, members of regional and international parliamentary assemblies and government officers are welcome to provide their remarks via the event's chat function.

In addition, to guarantee the smooth-running of proceedings, participants are strongly recommended to familiarize themselves with the Interpretive Guide and the technical arrangements note, which will be made available on the IPU webpage: <https://www.ipu.org/event/we-have-your-back-breaking-cycle-online-harassment-threats-violence-against-women-and-girl-leaders#event-sub-page-23148/> .