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32nd session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians

Provisional agenda

The session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians is open to women and men parliamentarians who wish to take part in the various discussions and debates.

1. **Election of the President of the 32nd session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians**
2. **Welcoming remarks**
3. **Adoption of the agenda**
4. **Recent activities to advance gender equality**
 - (a) Report of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians
Participants will be briefed about the Bureau's deliberations at its sessions held in Belgrade on 13 October 2019 and virtually on 9 March 2021.
 - (b) Report of the Gender Partnership Group
Participants will be briefed about the work and recommendations of the Gender Partnership Group.
 - (c) Update on recent IPU activities for the promotion of gender equality
Participants will be briefed about the IPU's recent publications and activities to promote gender equality.

5. **Contributing to the work of the 143rd Assembly from a gender perspective**

Participants will be invited to discuss the draft resolution entitled *Legislation worldwide to combat online child sexual exploitation and abuse* that is on the agenda of the 143rd Assembly, (Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights). Participants will discuss the draft resolution from a gender perspective and issue recommendations on amendments to be submitted by the Forum of Women Parliamentarians to the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights. For this purpose, they will work in two groups, each covering one topic as follows:

Group 1 will discuss:

How legislation and policies to combat online child sexual exploitation and abuse can be survivor-centred and put girls' rights front and centre.

Group 2 will discuss:

How preventive measures on online child sexual exploitation and abuse, and the education of children, can be age and gender-sensitive by taking into account the different needs of girls and boys, including in sex education and ICT awareness at school. The group will also discuss other strategies to empower children to understand their rights, protect themselves and report online sexual exploitation.

After a short presentation on the draft resolution, the Forum will split into the discussion groups. On the recommendation of its Bureau, the Forum will designate a chair and a rapporteur for each group. The rapporteurs will submit the groups' recommendations to the Forum of Women Parliamentarians at the following sitting.

6. Panel discussion on *Strategies for gender-responsive law making*

Parliaments are key to ensuring that national laws guarantee gender equality in practice. Gender-responsive law-making starts with ensuring that the rights of women and girls are fulfilled at all times. It is also about taking into account the views, needs and perspectives of women and girls in their diversity while making laws and ensuring that they deliver the desired outcomes. For that, parliamentarians must both adopt rights-affirming laws that protect and benefit all women and girls and be able to analyze the differentiated impact of legislation on them.

In 2021, the IPU and UN Women will be launching a handbook for parliamentarians on gender-responsive law making. Participants at the Forum of Women Parliamentarians will be presented with the main takeaways of the handbook and have an open discussion on their national experiences and lessons learned.

Parliamentarians attending the Forum will be invited to share experiences on strategies for law-making in a gender-responsive manner, including good practices in:

- ➔ Building alliances and political will: how to work across sectors for advancing gender-responsive legal reform
- ➔ Scaling up capacity: building internal expertise in parliament for gender-responsive legal analysis
- ➔ Having mechanisms to defend and promote gender equality in parliament: the role of cross-party groups and gender committees in fostering gender reform of legislation
- ➔ Ensuring enforcement of legislation: how to advance parliamentary oversight and allocate budgets to translate laws into reality

Panellists will be invited to introduce each of the strategic areas one-by-one. The moderator will then give the floor to participants wishing to contribute examples of good practices under each of these areas.

7. Reports of the discussion group rapporteurs

The discussion group rapporteurs will present their reports. The Forum will then ask them to consult with the President of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians and prepare amendments to be presented during the debate of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights.

8. Elections to the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians

The Forum of Women Parliamentarians will be called upon to fill the vacant seat on the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians and to approve the candidate for Second Vice-President selected by the Bureau.

9. Venue and date of the 33rd session of the Forum of Women Parliamentarians

**COMPOSITION AND OFFICERS OF THE BUREAU
OF WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS
(as at October 2021)**

PRESIDING OFFICERS (April 2021–2023)

President: Ms. L. Vasylenko (Ukraine)
First Vice-President: Ms. H. Ramzy Fayeze (Bahrain)
Second Vice-President: *Vacancy*

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**Expiry of
term**

African Group:

Ms. O. Sanogo (Mali)	Ms. S. Wakarura Kihika (Kenya)	April 2023
Ms. N. Bujela (Eswatini)	Ms. M. Baba Moussa Soumanou (Benin)	April 2025

Arab Group:

Ms. M.S. Al Suwaidi (United Arab Emirates)	Ms. M. Mohammed Saleh (Syrian Arab Rep.)	April 2023
Ms. H. Ramzy Fayeze (Bahrain)	Ms. A.N. Ayyoub Awadallah (Egypt)	April 2025

Asia-Pacific Group:

Ms. P. Maadam (India)	<i>Vacancy</i>	April 2023
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Ms. E. Vtorygina (Russian Federation)	Ms. Z. Greceanii (Rep. of Moldova)	April 2023
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Group of Latin American and the Caribbean:

Ms. C. Mix (Chile)	Ms. V. Persaud (Guyana)	April 2023
Ms. W.P. Andrade Muñoz (Ecuador)	Ms. A.F. Sagasti (Argentina)	April 2025

Twelve Plus Group:

Ms. L. Wall (New Zealand)	Ms. L. Vasylenko (Ukraine)	April 2023
Ms. V. Riotton (France)	Ms. M. Grande (Italy)	April 2025

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**Expiry of
term**

Ms. B. Argimón (Uruguay)	October 2024
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Ms. C. Widegren (Sweden)	October 2023
Ms. P. Krairiksh (Thailand)	October 2023
Ms. A.D. Mergane Kanouté (Senegal)	April 2023
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