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Parliaments and Beijing +30: Resisting the backlash and shifting paradigms towards gender equality

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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

The Parliamentary Meeting at the 69th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW69) will be held in New York on Tuesday, 11 March 2025. It is hosted by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women). This year's Parliamentary Meeting will mark the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in line with the CSW69 main theme *The review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the 23rd special session of the General Assembly*.

The theme of Parliamentary Meeting is *Parliaments and Beijing +30: Resisting the backlash and shifting paradigms towards gender equality*. The aim of the meeting is to bring a parliamentary perspective into the CSW69 discussions by providing a platform to examine the role of parliaments in advancing the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. The meeting will offer an opportunity for members of parliament from around the world to mobilize against the gender equality backlash and revive their commitment to the development, implementation, and enforcement of policies and action plans to achieve gender equality and fulfil women's and girls' rights and empowerment. I enclose the concept note, provisional agenda and other relevant documents.

I wish to strongly encourage your Parliament to request that your country's delegation to the 69th session of the Commission on the Status of Women includes both male and female members of parliament, notably chairpersons and members of gender equality, social affairs, budget or human rights committees. This would ensure their attendance and contribution to the IPU-UN-Women Parliamentary Meeting. It would also facilitate the inclusion of a parliamentary perspective in the CSW69 that will take place from 10 to 21 March 2025.

In addition to the Parliamentary Meeting, the IPU will be organizing side events during the first week of the CSW69. Additional information will be provided soon.

Registration can be completed [here](#). Additional information related to the Parliamentary Meeting, including relevant documents, is available on the IPU dedicated webpage [here](#). We would be grateful if you could complete your registration **by Monday, 24 February 2025**.

We look forward to welcoming a delegation of your Parliament to the annual Parliamentary Meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Chungong
Secretary General