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**Workshop on the role of parliamentarians in ensuring
implementation of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All
Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)**

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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to invite your Parliament to attend the Workshop on the role of parliamentarians in ensuring implementation of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). The workshop will take place on 19 October, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the IPU Headquarters in Geneva, Maison des Parlements, following the 139th IPU Assembly.

CEDAW is the most comprehensive international legal instrument addressing women's rights that also provides a framework for promoting gender equality. The implementation of CEDAW is monitored by the United Nations' Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women which examines reports from States Parties and issues concluding observations and recommendations for follow-up action.

The aim of this workshop is to provide members of parliament an opportunity to interact among themselves and with experts on specific CEDAW provisions that are relevant to their work.

Your Parliament is invited to send two members, preferably a man and a woman, who have expertise in the field of women's rights and the status of women and/or who are members of a parliamentary committee dealing with this topic. Please note that the invitation is also extended to an additional one or two parliamentary staff dealing with these issues.

Please find enclosed the concept note and registration form for the workshop. Both documents are also available on the IPU website: <https://www.ipu.org/event/workshop-role-parliamentarians-in-ensuring-implementation-un-convention-elimination-all-forms-discrimination-against-women-cedaw/documents>

We hope that your delegation will be able to participate.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Chungong
Secretary General