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Dear Madam President,
Dear Mr. President,

I refer to circular letter GRP/2010/Inf.4 of 17 December 2010 regarding the one-day parliamentary event on *The Role of Parliaments in promoting access and participation of women and girls to education, training, science and technology*. This meeting will take place at UN Headquarters in New York on 23 February next during the 55th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

I am pleased to enclose a copy the agenda and an information note on the meeting, which are also available at www.ipu.org/splz-e/csw11.htm. Contrary to what had previously been announced, the meeting will be a **full-day event**. The date of this event is fast approaching and we would greatly appreciate it if those who have not yet done so could let us know by **12 February** whether their Parliament will be participating.

I take this opportunity to inform you that the IPU is also organizing, on 25 February, two informal side-events: *Parliaments and MDGs 4 and 5* (Conference Room A, 10:00-11:15 a.m.) and *Political Violence against Women* (Conference Room A, 3 to 4.15 p.m.). Due to ongoing renovations, Conference Room A does not have interpretation facilities and both informal events will be held in English only. I very much hope that members of your parliament will wish to attend these events as well.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary General