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To all IPU Groups

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Dear Madam/Mr. President,  
Dear Madam/Mr. Speaker,

We are pleased to invite your Parliament to the 2026 IPU Global Conference of Women Parliamentarians, to be held in Belgrade, Republic of Serbia, from 2 to 4 June 2026. The title of the Conference is ***Advancing parity: Breaking the barriers of gender stereotypes and negative social norms.*** The Conference is being jointly organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia.

The IPU Global Conference of Women Parliamentarians is a unique platform for women members of parliament to get together, exchange ideas, learn from each other, and define common and innovative strategies to advance gender equality and women's rights and empowerment. It will include a variety of interactive panels and working group sessions and will address topical issues in a bid to provide gender-responsive policy orientation. Delegations are therefore encouraged to come prepared with examples of good practices to share with their colleagues.

Building on the Plan of Action on gender parity in parliament adopted at the 2025 IPU Global Conference of Women Parliamentarians held in Mexico and endorsed in October 2025 by the IPU Governing Council, the Conference will focus on stereotypes and social norms that hinder women's political participation and leadership and challenge gender parity in parliament. Participants will be invited to identify stereotypes and negative social norms on women in politics, analyse how such norms shape attitudes, perceptions and systems that perpetuate women's political exclusion, and explore how to address such stereotypes and social norms and transform them towards a culture of parity.

We are pleased to invite you to send a delegation of up to four members of parliament, including one male MP and at least one young woman MP (under 40), to attend the Conference.

Registration can be completed [here](#). Additional documents related to the Conference are available on the Conference website [here](#). We would be grateful if you could complete your Parliament's registration **by Friday, 22 May 2026**.

We look forward to welcoming a delegation of your Parliament to the Republic of Serbia.

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