

Directorate-General for Internal Policies of the Union Directorate for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality The Chair

To the Chairperson(s) of the Committee(s) concerned

Dear Colleague,

For many years now, the European Parliament has been celebrating International Women's Day (IWD) with a special event bringing together Members of the EP and National Parliamentarians from across the European Union.

Hence, on the occasion of the IWD 2020, the European Parliament's Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM) would like to invite Members of the National Parliaments of the EU to attend an Interparliamentary Committee meeting on the theme:

"The 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action"

2020 will mark the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. On the occasion of the International Women's Day, the hearing will set a good platform for the Committee and the European Parliament, together with National Parliamentarians, to mark this milestone and discuss the achievements and future challenges for the realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls.

We are therefore very pleased to invite up to four Members of the corresponding committee(s) of each National Parliament (two from each chamber in the case of bi-cameral Parliaments) to attend this event on Thursday, 5 March 2020 from 9.00 to 12.30 in the European Parliament in Brussels.

Practical details regarding the meeting will be forwarded in due course to your Parliament's representatives/services responsible for relations with the EP.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to accept our invitation and we are looking forward to welcoming you to the European Parliament on 5 March 2020.

Yours sincerely,

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Evelyn REGNER Chair Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality