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Dear Mr. President,

Your country's latest periodic report on measures taken to give effect to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) will be considered during the thirty-sixth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, which will take place in New York from 7 to 25 August 2006.

The Governing Council of the IPU has repeatedly emphasized the importance of parliaments being informed of periodic reports submitted to treaty bodies such as CEDAW and involved in the preparatory and follow-up processes. More recently, the Committee itself has called for a stronger involvement of parliaments in the reporting process. This could be achieved by requesting the pertinent government office to make available or submit to parliament for discussion these reports and any questions and subsequent recommendations of the Committee. In this way, a constructive partnership could be established between parliament and government to guarantee the implementation of the CEDAW and the respect of your country's obligations as a State party to the Convention.

A copy of your country's report, along with other documentation, is available at the CEDAW website (http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/36sess.htm).

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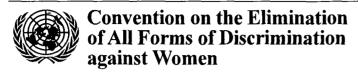
cc: Ms. Dorte Neimann, Secretary of the Danish Inter-Parliamentary Group

I take this opportunity to inform you that the IPU will be holding its annual information seminar on *Implementing the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women: The role of parliaments and their members.* The seminar targets primarily parliaments of those States whose reports will be considered this year by the Committee. It will take place at IPU headquarters on 19 October 2006, immediately following the 115<sup>th</sup> IPU Assembly. You will receive detailed information about this seminar in due course.

I would be very pleased to hear of any initiatives you may have taken as a result of this letter and to receive any information regarding your Parliament's involvement in the reporting process. I shall not fail to keep the Committee and the IPU membership informed of any developments in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Anders B. Johnsson Secretary General



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Sixth periodic report of States parties

Denmark\*

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