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### Invitation to join the Group of Friends of the Special Representative on Gender Issues

#### To Heads of Delegations

At the Winter Meeting of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, I invited all colleagues, women and men, to join my informal network which I call the 'Group of Friends of the Special Representative on Gender Issues'.

I need the co-operation from as many Members as possible. Among my ideas for the future is organizing a series of seminars on Gender Issues in parliaments of member States. During the Winter Meeting, I already got an invitation to visit the Azerbaijani Milli Mejlis. If this is followed by more invitations, which I hope will be the case, you can easily understand that we need to be more people involved in such exercises.

I am also thinking of a possible side event prior to the summer Annual Session in Kiev. One of the ideas I have is to illustrate what the implementation of the 'UN Resolution 1325 – Women in Conflict' means in real life. Do we have good examples to share? I am sure concrete examples will help others understand what gender equality is all about. Discussion of examples and our experiences will help demonstrate that it is a question of relevant representation and of democratic power sharing and at the same time efficiency in work and reliability in results.

So I kindly ask you to talk with the Members of your Delegation and decide who could join the network.

Please let me and Tina Schøn ([tina@oscepa.dk](mailto:tina@oscepa.dk)) at the Secretariat know and let us have all the addresses and telephone numbers we need to contact the person you choose for this important work.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tone Tingsgaard'.

Tone Tingsgaard

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