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**SECOND SEMINAR FOR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES ON THE STATUS OF  
WOMEN AND OTHER COMMITTEES DEALING WITH GENDER EQUALITY  
Geneva, 6 - 8 December 2007**

Dear Madam Speaker,  
Dear Mr. Speaker,

We are pleased to announce that the second Seminar for members of parliamentary committees dealing with the status of women and gender equality will be held in Geneva from 6 to 8 December 2007. The seminar is being organised by the IPU in cooperation with the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

The overall focus of this year's seminar is *Women and Work*. Today, women account for almost 40 per cent of the total workforce. However, women remain disadvantaged in the workplace, their employment being preponderantly unpaid or underpaid compared to men's. Promoting women's access to the labour market and enhancing their economic input are key elements of development and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. The seminar on *Women and Work* will focus on a variety of issues, including questions related to unpaid work, equal pay, and discrimination or exploitation at work. It will endeavour to define adequate parliamentary action for achieving equality between men and women in this area.

All parliaments of the world are invited to this event. It is proposed that delegations be composed of two parliamentarians who are members of committees dealing directly or indirectly with the status of women and gender equality issues or who are experts in this field, along with their advisers. Where possible the principle of gender balance should be respected in the composition of delegations.

We will be sending the agenda, programme and organizational details as soon as they have been finalized. Meanwhile, we are pleased to attach a registration form.

We look forward to receiving your delegation in Geneva at this event and remain.

Yours sincerely,

Anders B. Johnsson  
Secretary General