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Dear Speaker,

The Irish Women's Parliamentary Caucus will, this year, host the inaugural International Congress of Parliamentary Women's Caucuses on 9-10 September 2018 in Dublin Castle, Ireland.

It would be a pleasure if a delegation from your Parliament could attend, so in this regard, I would ask that this invite be extended to the Women's Caucus attached to your Parliament. Indeed, should your Parliament not have an established Women's Caucus but has examined the possibility of convening one, then this invite should also be extended to interested parties. The Congress will feature a formal gala dinner in Dublin Castle before a full programme of discussion and debate.

In 2018 the Houses of the Oireachtas will commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the giving of voting rights to women on the island of Ireland, and the resulting women elected to Parliament. This Congress will bring together female parliamentarians from across the globe to celebrate this important anniversary and discuss issues facing women and how parliamentarians can work to address them.

The Irish Women's Parliamentary Caucus, established in 2017, is a cross-party forum for Irish women parliamentarians to discuss and campaign on issues predominantly affecting women.

To read the full programme, learn more about the speakers and register your interest please visit www.oireachtas.ie/womenscaucus

Delegations should be made up of two people, and in the case of bicameral parliaments, one member from each Chamber, and we would ask that expressions of interest be received by 22 June 2018. While there is no fee to attend the congress, delegates are responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs.

Further information on accommodation options, transport and other practical information will be sent to the national Parliaments/Chambers in August but please contact CaucusDublin2018@Oireachtas.ie in the meantime you would like more information.

Best regards,

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Ceann Comhairle of Dáil Éireann
Speaker of the Irish Parliament

Catherine Martin TD
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