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SUBJECT: Towards a more gender-aware Parliament by 2030
Invitation to a videoconference Monday 19 June 2023, from 15:00 to 17:00
(UTC+1)

Madam President / Mr. President,

Globally, women and men are playing together a key role in meeting today's greatest social, climate and economic challenges. Yet, in politics, women are still largely under-represented.

While the number of elected women parliamentarians worldwide is evolving positively, the progress towards more balanced participation should certainly not lead us to believe that the final goal has been achieved and that everything is now a given. The goal of gender equality continues to be pursued for both women and men, and the responsibility for defending this equality in parliaments lies with the parliaments themselves. This must not be the battle of women alone, but also of men and of parliamentary institutions representing the interests of all citizens.

It is high time we asserted our will to move forward. Thus, on the occasion of the next International Women's Rights Day, on 8 March 2023, we have unveiled a statistical study on the gender situation in the Belgian Federal Parliament and make a clear commitment to more gender awareness in the Parliament by 2030, aiming at an integrated approach of men and women in its political, administrative and logistical functioning.

We therefore invite you to participate in a videoconference on Monday, June 19 2023, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. This will be an opportunity to present the achievements of each parliament and to allow a fruitful exchange of good practices between parliaments in Europe.

Practical information will be sent to you as soon as possible. However, may we invite you to validate your participation?

Please accept, Madam/Mister President, the assurance of our highest consideration.

Stephanie D'Hose
Présidente du Sénat

Eliane Tillieux
Présidente de la Chambre des
représentants