Conference of Women Parliamentarians from South East Europe
“Equal and Empowered – Stronger Together”

National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia
Belgrade, 2-3 March 2015

Monday, 2 March 2015

11.30 – 12.00 Arrival and registration of participants

12.00 – 12.30 Opening remarks (National Assembly House, Small plenary hall)

Ms. Maja Gojkovic, Speaker of the Serbian Parliament
Mr. Peter Burkhard, Head of the OSCE Mission to Serbia
Ms. Zorana Mihajlovic, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure in the Government of Serbia and President of the Coordination Body for Gender Equality
Ms. Silvana Koch-Mehrin, Chief Executive Officer of the Women in Parliaments Global Forum
Ms. Irena Vojáčková – Sollorano, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Serbia
Ms. Sonja Liht, Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence, President
Ms. Stefana Miladinovic, Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, Coordinator of the Women Parliamentary Network of Serbia

Moderator: Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, Coordinator of the Women Parliamentary Network of Serbia, Ms. Stefana Miladinovic

12.30 – 12.45 Group photo

Press statements
(National Assembly House, Central Hall)

12.45 – 14.00 Gender equality – overview of the current situation and trends
(National Assembly House, Small plenary hall)

Presentations by the Members of Parliaments from South East Europe-each country (Part I):

- Social and economic position of women after the outbreak of the economic crises in 2008
- Domestic violence
- Women and security,
- Women in politics,
- Women in parliament

Moderator: Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, Member of the Women Parliamentary Network of Serbia, Ms. Dubravka Filipovski

14.00 – 14.30 Tour of the House of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia

14.30 – 15.30 Lunch (National Assembly House, buffet on the ground floor)
15.30 – 16.45 **Gender equality – overview of the current situation and trends – continuation**  
(National Assembly House, Small plenary hall)  
Presentations by the Members of Parliaments from South East Europe – each country (Part II):  
- Social and economic position of women after the outbreak of the economic crises in 2008  
- Domestic violence  
- Women and security,  
- Women in politics,  
- Women in parliament  
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16.45 – 17.15 **Coffee break**  
(National Assembly House, hallway in front of Small plenary hall)

17.15 – 19.00 **Panel discussions** (in parallel):  

a) **Building power of women in parliamentary political parties**  
(National Assembly House, Small plenary hall),  
Introductory remarks by Ms. Zita Gurmai Women in Parliaments Global Forum;  
Moderator: Ms. Gordana Comic, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia and Member of the Women Parliamentary Network of Serbia,

b) **Impact of cross party cooperation of women MPs on processes and policies promoting empowerment of women and enjoyment of their indivisible human rights**  
(National Assembly House, hall 1)  
Introductory remarks by Ms. Lana Ačkar, Gender Officer OSCE/ODIHR;  
Moderator: Ms. Dijana Vukomanovic, Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, Member of the Women Parliamentary Network of Serbia,

c) **Implementation of the Istanbul Convention**  
(National Assembly House, hall 2)  
Introductory remarks by the Nadie Cuk, Deputy Head of Office of the Council of Europe in Belgrade  
Moderator: Ms. Elvira Kovac, Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, Member of the Women Parliamentary Network of Serbia.

19.30 – 20.15 **A tour of the Princess Ljubica's Residence**  
(Departure by bus from the plateau in front of the House of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia at 19.15h)

20.30 – 22.00 **Dinner hosted by the WPN**  
(Departure by bus at 20:15)
Tuesday, 3 March 2015

09.00 – 11.00 **Panel hosted by Women in Parliaments Global Forum TBD**

**The quest for female leadership**
*(National Assembly House, Small plenary hall)*

Women are still very much alone in politics. The World Economic Forum’s annual Global Gender Gap Report shows the bias: health has a small gender gap of 4%, education of 6%, economic participation of 40%, and politics an incredibly high 79%. The glass ceiling might have some cracks, but it still needs to be shattered. Michelle Bachelet, President of Chile, stated: “When one woman is a leader, it changes her. When more women are leaders, it changes politics and policies”.

The Panel will address the need of networks for increasing the number of women in political leadership.

11.00 – 11.30 **Coffee break**
*(National Assembly House, hallway in front of Small plenary hall)*

11.30 – 13.00 **Economic empowerment of women-parliamentary experiences and practices (Plenary discussion)**
*(National Assembly House, Small plenary hall)*

Introductory remarks by the WPN Serbia

Moderator: Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, member of the Women Parliamentary Network of Serbia, president of Committee on the Economy, Regional Development, Trade, Tourism and Energy, Ms. Aleksandra Tomic

13.00 – 14.00 **Conclusions** (panels and plenary discussion)

Representative OSCE/ODIHR

**Memorandum of Cooperation Initiatives**
*(National Assembly House, Small plenary hall)*

Moderator: Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, Member of the Women Parliamentary Network of Serbia, Marija Obradovic; Executive Director CEE Network for Gender Issues, Ms. Sonja Lokar

14.00 – 14.30 **Press statements**

**Presentation of the Memorandum of Cooperation**
*(National Assembly House, Central Hall)*

(Introductory statement by the Member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, member of the Women Parliamentary Network of Serbia Marija Obradovic and presentation of the Memorandum in the presence of the Conference participants)

14.30 – 15.30 **Lunch** *(National Assembly House, buffet on the ground floor)*

**Departure**