Presiding officers have a unique ability to affect change in legislative institutions, particularly as it relates to adopting a gender perspective in the legislature’s work and promoting women’s participation. Women presiding officers of Caribbean parliaments affirmed the value of inter-parliamentary exchange and collaboration for supporting their collective ability to advance gender equality and women’s rights priorities during a productive dialogue on these themes in May 2021. This subsequent session is being coordinated to provide a space to continue these conversations, with a focus on a specific, recurring priority reported through the previous dialogue: facilitating greater access to parliamentary training on gender equality.

10:30 – 10:40 Welcome and introduction by meeting chair
   ● The Honourable Bridgid Annisette-George, Speaker of the House of Representative of Trinidad and Tobago and Vice-President of ParlAmericas

10:40 – 11:50 Dialogue among presiding officers
   Facilitated by the meeting chair, the presiding officers in attendance will engage in dialogue on the following questions on expanding gender equality training for parliamentarians, drawing on their own perspectives and experiences within their legislatures:
   1. What content and/or approaches to gender equality training would be most helpful to parliamentarians?
   2. What mechanisms can be used to encourage broad participation by parliamentarians in these sessions?
   3. What challenges may arise that would hinder the ability to implement an effective training program? How could these be overcome?

11:50 – 12:00 Closing remarks

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