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Prime Minister Mia Mottley of Barbados to address delegates at inter-parliamentary meeting on gender equality co-organized by ParlAmericas

On November 19, 2018, the Honourable Mia Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados, will open a two-day meeting on advancing gender-responsive leadership and governance that is being co-organized by ParlAmericas. This meeting, taking place in Bridgetown, Barbados, will convene representatives from parliaments, ministries, national gender machinery, multilaterals, civil society and political organizations from more than 10 Caribbean countries.

Titled *Transformational Leadership for Gender Equality in the Caribbean: Regional Strategies and Partnerships*, this activity has been organized with the support of UN Women – Multi-Country Office (MCO) – Caribbean, the Caribbean Institute for Women in Leadership (CIWiL) and the Commonwealth Secretariat.

Through a series of high-level exchanges and working sessions, the delegates will forge strengthened partnerships and coordinate on agendas to promote women’s political leadership and gender equality as a foundation for achieving development objectives. Delegates will contribute to these efforts at the regional level by providing input from a legislative perspective on priority themes of a forthcoming CARICOM Regional Gender Equality Strategy.

In addition to the address by the Honourable Prime Minister Mottley, the opening ceremony will feature remarks by His Honour Arthur E. Holder, Speaker of the House of Assembly of Barbados and member of the ParlAmericas Board of Directors; the Honourable Robert Nault, Member of Parliament of Canada and President of ParlAmericas; Lady Anande Trotman-Joseph, Chair of CIWiL; and Ms. Alison McLean, Representative - UN Women MCO Caribbean.

The Honourable Dame Billie Miller, Ambassador at Large and Plenipotentiary of Barbados, will also deliver remarks in one of the meeting’s working sessions.

For further information and updates on this meeting, visit www.parlamericas.org and follow @ParlAmericas on social media with the hashtags #ParlAmericasGEN and #RoadtoBeijing25.

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