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Dear Ms M Bilankulu

Women's Charter Review Session – Chairperson, Multiparty Women's Caucus

2019 marked 25 Years since the adoption of the 1994 Women's Charter for Effective Equality. This milestone necessitates a 25-Year review of the entire women's rights regime, in order to take stock of the achievements garnered since 1994 and to assess the systemic weaknesses that continue to impede the advancement and realization of gender equality in South Africa.

In order to ensure continuity of the work of Parliament during the current lockdown conditions, the Women's Charter Review process will be undertaken via virtual platforms across South Africa's district platforms. In order to engage widely and extensively, review sessions will be rolled out across 40 districts in the country. The Year-Long virtual district review calendar is attached for ease of reference.

Northern Cape – District Roll Out

The District Digital Roll Out of the Women's Charter for Effective Equality, will commence in the Northern Cape as follows:

Date: 26 May 2020

Time: 13h30 to 16h00

Venue: Microsoft Teams Platforms

Invitation to the Multiparty Women’s Caucus Chairperson

An invitation is hereby extended to the Chairperson of the Multiparty Women’s Caucus, to participate in the digital roll out of the Women’s Charter Review. The Chairperson is further requested to extend an invitation to a multiparty delegation of five Members. All parties represented in Parliament will be given an opportunity to participate, by means of a rotational system, during the course of the 40 session district sessions.

Structure of Programme

The Tuesday 26th May 2020, the programme will start at 13h30 in order to address any technical problems relating to Microsoft Teams. The programme will be centred around presentations outlining the socio-economic challenges faced by women, as well as the opportunities that can be maximised to effect transformation at district level. Presentations will then be followed by comments, submissions and questions on any one of the 12 articles of the women’s charter from interest groups and ordinary women in the district.

Kindly RSVP to **Ms Candice Tshotwana** on 071 432 0779 or ctshotwana@parliament.gov.za.
By Friday 22 May 2020.

Yours Sincerely



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Deputy Chairperson, National Council of Provinces