

## Press Release

### The 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians Meeting

On Thursday 17 October 2019, at 08.30-10.30 hrs., the Art Café, Building B , Sava Centre, Belgrade, Republic of Serbia, Hon. Ms. Suwannee Sirivejchapun, senator as the committee member, attended the 44<sup>th</sup> Session of the Bureau of Women Parliamentarians (the second session). The meeting assigned the rapporteur on the 31<sup>st</sup> Forum of IPU Women Parliamentarians, the assessment of the outcome of the 141<sup>st</sup> IPU Assembly and related meetings from women's views. Hon. Ms. Suwannee proposed that the discussants of each issue should comprise the number of women and men more or less the same proportion, and cover all geopolitical groups as many as possible in order to take all viewpoints. Moreover, the meeting considered the following-up of measures of implementation of the Beijing+25 on the occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and platform for Action in 2020. At the same time, she suggested that IPU invite the United Nations to report the implementation of each country in accordance with Beijing Declaration in the IPU Women Parliamentarians' Forum. In addition, IPU should provide forums for parliament of each member country to assess the implementation of Beijing Declaration into general practice effectively. The meeting also discussed the enhancement of men to join women parliamentarians' work, and considered the meeting agenda and the preparation for the 31<sup>st</sup> IPU Women Parliamentarians' Forum including the upcoming 45<sup>th</sup> Bureau of Women Parliamentarians Meeting in Geneva, Switzerland in April 2020.

On this occasion, Hon. Ms. Suwannee was nominated as Chairperson of the meeting to debate the views of women towards the draft resolution on "Parliamentary strategies to strengthen peace and security against threats and conflicts resulting from climate-related disasters and their consequences" under the Standing Committee on Peace and International Security. The IPU Women Parliamentarians' Forum will be held in April 2020.

News and Photo credited by Inter-Parliamentary Union Division, Bureau of Inter-Parliamentary Organizations the Secretariat of the House of Representatives

Translated by English Division  
Bureau of Foreign Languages  
The Secretariat of the House of Representatives