



**F R E N C H G R O U P
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Dear members of the Twelve Plus Group,

The IPU secretary's office informed us that during the present Assembly our group should fill a vacant post at the **Parliamentarian women's board**.

The French delegation presents of Ms. Véronique Riotton's candidacy, french deputy.

Very involved in equality and gender issues, Véronique Riotton cosigned several bills, which included the ones aiming to fight against violence against women and to accelerate professional equality, but also the one intended to secure nursery assistants' right to protection, a mainly female employment. In addition, she actively contributed to the great consultation about domestic violence, named "Grenelle". Finally, within the National assembly, her co-workers trusted her to chair during few months the Sustainable development, town, and country planning commission.

Véronique Riotton belongs to the IPU French group since her election in 2017. Entirely dedicated to her functions, she took part in the IPU assemblies in Geneva in May 2018 and in Doha in April 2019 as well as in the high-level forum "sustainable development goal" in July 2019 in New York and the conference call about Covid-19 in April 2020.

I completely support Véronique Riotton's candidacy. As the executive chairman of the IPU French group, I will make sure that, once elected, Ms. Véronique Riotton will actively join all the French delegations at IPU's plenary assemblies. In addition, I commit that the French parliament will give her every means she will need to participate in the parliamentarian women commission's meetings.

Sincerely,

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IPU's Twelve Plus Group