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TWELFTH PARLIAMENT (FOURTH SESSION)

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

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**CANCELLATION OF THE 64TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE
STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW)**

Honourable Members,

As you are aware, a delegation comprising of Members of this House, was scheduled to travel this coming weekend to attend the 64th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 64) to be held in New York between March 9 and 20, 2020. However, I wish to inform the House that, we are in receipt of communication from the office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations (UN), which was conveyed through the Ministry of Public Service, Youth and Gender Affairs, regarding this event. The communication indicates that the planned meeting has now been scaled down from the initial two weeks to one day, owing to concerns related to the corona virus pandemic. Member States will be represented at this meeting by their Permanent Missions based at the UN Headquarters in New York. In addition, general debate and all planned side events have been cancelled, and as such countries have been advised against sending any delegations to the 64th CSW taking place in New York.

Honourable Members, in this regard, I regret to inform the House that the scheduled travel by the representatives of the National Assembly is hereby cancelled with immediate effect, unless contrary information is received from the UN. The House should note that the ongoing pandemic may affect other future travels. I therefore request Members to be patient and bear with us on this matter of international magnitude. The House is thus accordingly guided.

I thank you!

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SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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