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The Community of Democracies Parliamentary Forum

High Level Democracy Meeting
“The Road to Democracy:
Role of the Community of Democracies Parliamentary Forum”
Vilnius, 30 June 2011

RESOLUTION
On the Participation of Women in Strengthening Democracy

We, the participants of the High Level Democracy Meeting “The Road to Democracy: Role of the Community of Democracies Parliamentary Forum” held in Vilnius on 30 June 2011:

Recognizing that women are inherent promoters of peace, security and democracy;

Affirming that democracy continues to remain challenged on gender issues;

Recalling the Beijing Platform for Action;

Endorsing bi-partisan women forums, such as Women Parliamentary Caucus,

Emphasize the need for more understanding of the political dynamics of gender at every level;

Call specifically for the elimination of gender discriminatory practices in politics;

Moreover, call for affirmative legislation and political action which creates a critical mass of women in democracy and its institutions.