

Wednesday, the 11th February 2015

Islamabad; February 11, 2015: A meeting of the General Assembly of the Women's Parliamentary Caucus (WPC) was held at the Parliament House Islamabad today on 11th February 2015.

Secretary WPC, MNA Shaista Pervaiz presided over the General Assembly which comprises of women members from all political parties in the National Assembly and Senate.

The General Assembly have had a briefing by a resource person from Aurat Foundation Ms. Farkhanda Aurangzeb on "Beijing +20 Review – Journey of 20 years" followed by a question and answer session.

In addition to that, the meeting also included a brief discussion on the National Plan of Action and its targets for achieving gender equality and eliminating violence against women.

Secretary Shaista Pervaiz emphasized that "a concerted and joint effort is needed across political lines to bring an end to discrimination and all forms of violence against women and WPC reaffirms its commitment for making every possible effort in this regard for consensus building on gender-sensitive laws covering domestic workers, women in prison and improving state of women policing etc."

Among the participants of the meeting were the State Minister of Health Sciences Regulation and Coordination Ms. Saira Afzal Tarar, Chairperson Standing Committee National Assembly on Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage Ms. Marvi Memon, Treasurer WPC MNA Shagufta Juman and several women members representing all political parties in the Parliament.