**MULTI-PARTY WOMEN’S CAUCUS**

***DRAFT* RECORD OF DECISIONS/OUTCOMES**

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|  | **ITEM** | **DECISION** | **STATUS** |
| 1 | Scheduling Steering Committee meetings  | 1. Lunchtime meetings should be avoided.
2. Meetings to be held in preparation of full MPWC meetings and as the need

 arises 1. Meetings should preferably be held on Thursdays, before full MPWC meetings.
 | Ongoing. |
| 2 | Scheduling of Multi-Party Women’s Caucus meetings  | 1. MPWC should be more proactive in determining its own meeting dates.
2. The chairperson should formally submit proposed dates to the National

 Programming Committee for inclusion in the parliamentary programme of  each term. | Each term’s meeting dates are identified, and requested for inclusion in parliamentary programme. Written requests usually addressed to the Chief Whips (of the Majority Party) in both the NA and NCOP. |
| 3 | Attendance of meetings  | 1. Poor attendance of meeting should be brought to the attention of the Chief Whip and will be raised in the Chief Whips Forum.
 | Brought to the attention of the Chief Whip in meeting of 12 March 2020.  |
| 4 | Workshops  | 1. Strategic Planning Workshop to develop the committee’s strategic plan and annual performance plan, based on its adopted focus areas.
2. Gender-responsive budgeting and planning: A comprehensive workshop geared towards understanding basic principles, challenges to institutionalisation, and the development of an oversight tool that would assist parliamentary committees in scrutinising departmental planning and spending from a gender perspective. Such a workshop should be collaborative as far as possible, involving relevant government departments and civil society.
3. International agreements and participation in international and regional bodies: A workshop on the role and responsibilities of the MPWC in ensuring that country participation in international, regional and continental parliamentary fora should reflect the voice of the MPWC. The Parliamentary International Relations and Protocol Division should lead the workshop.
4. Gender-based-violence concepts and existing legislation.
 | PendingFirst meeting scheduled for 28 May, and workshop date to be identified. Pending. |
| 5 | Local visits | 1. Local visits should be prioritised and relevant to the committee’s focus areas.
 | Pending |
| 6 | Study Tours  | 1. A discussion paper on sector trends on the continent must be developed, and should include recommendations on focus areas and countries a delegation of the MPWC could visit and benchmark against.
 | Pending |
| 7 | Gender-based Violence and Femicide | 1. The Interim Steering Committee should appear before the MPWC.
2. National Strategic Plan on Gender-based Violence should be considered.
3. MPWC should consider the establishment of a parliamentary committee dedicated to gender based violence and femicide.
4. The MPWC should consider the NA resolution on the exploitation of women and young girls in cultural and religious settings.
 | 1. The NSP has been submitted to the Committee, and the Department is available to brief the Committee.
2. Previously postponed owing to parliamentary programme changes
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| 8 | Women’s Parliamentary and the Revival of the National Gender Machinery  | The MPWC should be included in the planning and implementation of parliamentary gender-related activities and projects. To date, MPWC are merely invited to such events, rather than an active collaborator.  | The MPWC receives invitations to parliament- hosted events regularly.  |
| **9** | Support to female MPs | The MPWC should consider, decide and lobby for improved support mechanism mechanisms for female MPs.Steering Committee should interact with Presiding Officers regarding amongst others, the establishment of a daycare centre.  | Previously postponed owing to parliamentary programme changes.  |