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# Pact inked to sensitise MPs on women issues legislation



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To sensitise legislators on primary and secondary legislations on women issues and to enhance the knowledge of newly elected women parliamentarians on legislative process, the Women Parliamentary Caucus (WPC) and Aurat Foundation signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on Tuesday.

The MoU was signed by Secretary WPC Shaista Pervaiz Malik and Director Advocacy and Elimination of Violence against Women (EVAW) Rabeea Hadi. Senior women parliamentarians including PML-N MNA Tahira Aurangzeb, PML-N MNA Syeda Zahra Wadood Fatemi, PML-N MNA Asiya Tanoli, PML-N MNA Shahida AKhtar Ali and PTI MNA Munnaza Hassan were also present on the occasion.

Overall, the WPC has 90 parliamentarians from both Senate and National Assembly as its members. "All the work that has been done for women empowerment in past indicates the need to work towards strengthening of institutions that play key role in protecting women. Keeping this need in mind, we have signed MoUs with institutions. This MoU is also part of this effort," said Director Advocacy and Elimination of Violence against Women Rabeea Hadi. Under this MoU, the parties have agreed to collaborate on a non-exclusive basis with each other to address critical issues of concern for women including eradication of gender-based violence. They will hold joint conferences and briefings according to a mutually develop schedule and will hold discussions on existing pro women laws, procedural and implementation gaps and required actions.