

Lebanese Women Demand Parliamentary Quota - September 23, 2008

As a gender expert/consultant, Dr. Dabbous-Sensenig was invited by MP Gilberte Zouein, chair of the parliamentary sub-committee for the Woman and Child, along with other experts, to discuss the issue of parliamentary quota for women, and to draft a proposal to introduce the women quota in the Lebanese election law. A total of 5 meetings with members of the said sub-committee, which took place in July and August 2008, culminated in the drafting of two such proposals in September 2008.

As a follow-up, the parliamentary sub-committee along with women activists organized a demonstration on September 23, 2008 in front of the parliament to demand the right to introduce the women quota in the upcoming June elections in Lebanon.



Women activists demonstrating in front of the House of Parliament.



From left to right: Dr. Dima Dabbous-Sensenig, Dr. Aman Shaarani, Ms. Laura Sfeir, and representatives of the various Lebanese NGOs during the demonstration