



Office of the Executive Director

1 November 2010

Dear GEAR,

I thank the many women's groups worldwide that make up the GEAR campaign for their sincere congratulations on my appointment as Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women).

The establishment of UN Women is an exciting time with lots of opportunities to address the needs and concerns of women and girls in a coordinated and comprehensive way at Headquarters, regional and country levels. In this respect, UN Women will play a catalytic role in leading, supporting and coordination the work on gender equality and the empowerment of women.

The success of UN Women depends on the continued involvement of Governments and civil society partners. Your Network has significant knowledge on the gender equality issues and can contribute significantly to the work of UN Women.

I very much look forward to working with you and the GEAR Network.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Bachelet".

Michelle Bachelet  
Executive Director  
UN Women

The Gender Equality Architecture Reform  
(GEAR) Campaign