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Dear Representatives and delegates to the United Nations,

It is my honor to address you, in this moment in time and wish you and your families are well after a year of facing the devastating impacts of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Recalling that in 75 years, after the founding of the United Nations, a woman has yet to serve as Secretary General of the Organization. What may be the source of this we may speculate whether its misfortune, coincidence, destiny, or any other reason which may seem valid in this great oversight of the principle and practice of equality. Only the facts and history will tell.

Article 8 of the Charter of the United Nations states “The United Nations shall place no restrictions on the eligibility of men and women to participate in any capacity and under conditions of equality in its principle and subsidiary organs”.

In this year where the recommendation and the appointment of the Secretary General will take place, I invite you and the States you represent, to look genuinely at your commitments to the United Nations and present women candidates, with due regard to the highest standards of efficiency, competence and integrity, and commence a nomination process where equality and inclusivity are possible and the norm.

I am writing this communication from a place of conviction, where standing for equal rights, makes a difference in creating a fair and equitable organization, and opening opportunities for women all over the world.

Please accept the assurances of my highest regard.


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Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Honduras to the United Nations

