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The Hon Michelle O'Byrne
Ambassador for Gender Equality
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Canberra ACT 2600

Subject: Congratulations on your appointment as Ambassador for Gender Equality

Dear Ambassador O'Byrne,

On behalf of Zonta Australia, I extend our warmest congratulations on your appointment as Australia's new Ambassador for Gender Equality. Your longstanding record of public service and commitment to advancing equity, inclusion and social justice is deeply respected, and we are confident that you will bring passion and leadership to this important role.

Zonta International is a leading global service organisation of professionals working together to empower women and girls through service and advocacy. With over 100 clubs across Australia and in more than 60 countries worldwide, Zonta has a proud history of partnering with communities and governments to address issues such as gender-based violence, women's economic empowerment, health equity, and education.

Zonta Australia welcomes your appointment at a time when momentum for gender equality is strong, but challenges remain both at home and internationally. We share your commitment to addressing systemic barriers, promoting women's leadership and ensuring that Australia's voice continues to advocate for gender equity in multilateral forums and partnerships across the Indo-Pacific.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you, or members of your office, to share insights from Zonta's advocacy and service programs and to explore opportunities to work in partnership in advancing gender equality and women's empowerment.

Please accept our warm congratulations once again. We look forward to following your leadership and to contributing constructively to your agenda in the years ahead.

Kind Regards

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