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Hon. Ms. Halle Sjelle, MP Member of Parliament Det Konservative Folkeparti Christiansborg DK-1240 Copenhagen K

Dear Ms. Halle Sjelle,

We are pleased to invite you to attend Women Deliver 2010, a global conference to be held in Washington D.C. June 7-9. The conference will focus on the interim and longterm solutions to improve the lives of girls and women and achieve the Millennium Development Goals. More than 3000 people are expected to attend including your colleagues - Parliamentarians, Health and Finance Ministers, First Ladies, development officials, young people, advocates, corporate executives, and representatives of civil society. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton will speak at the opening plenary, and the conference also is on the calendar of President Obama and U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon. The first Women Deliver conference in London in 2007 was credited with putting MDG5 on the international development agenda. The 2010 conference seeks to secure the commitment and funding from world leaders to achieve the MDGs.

*Women Deliver 2010* is being co-sponsored by a partnership of UN agencies, and the official development assistance agencies of Denmark, Spain, Great Britain, Norway, Finland and the Netherlands, among others; and international NGOs. Registration is available on-line at <u>www.womendeliver.org</u>. There also is hotel and other travel information available on the website.

We hope very much that you will join us at this important event. We have attached an information sheet regarding the conference and the invitation. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

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