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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am pleased to participate in this important discussion on the role of women in the development of the Americas. I am particularly pleased to be joined by so many distinguished women from across the continent.

Women in the Americas are subject to multiple or accumulated forms of discrimination based on race, class, and indigenous or migrant women.

As a result of these inequalities, women in the Americas are often excluded from the benefits of economic growth and social development. We are confident that the new generation of leaders will address these inequalities.

The United States will continue to support the United Nations work program on women and the Americas, and we will continue to work with the governments of the Americas to promote the economic and social development of the region.

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