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**Dear Civil Society Organizations,**

In 2020, UN Women will commemorate its 10<sup>th</sup> year, and the United Nations reaches its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. 2020 is also the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UN Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing) as well as other important events, including the 20th anniversary of Security Resolution 1325 which recognized the important role of women in peacekeeping and security. This is an important moment for civil society and for the feminist and women's movements to stake a claim in the history of the UN. We remind the UN that it is being held accountable to the feminist and women's movements, civil rights, and other social movements.

To mark these milestones, civil society is leading the development of an online book for UN@75, titled Thank You, United Nations. We are expanding the book and adding a section for UN Women, titled: **“Women Changed the UN – and the UN helped Women Change the World.”** The section will reflect on the history of UN Women, recount its impact on the lives of women and families, and provide a look to the future.

<https://www.theonlinebookcompany.com/OnlineBooks/ThankyouUnitedNations/Content/Filler>.

We would be deeply honored if you would **contribute to the online book by submitting an entry** – a story, testimonial, video, photos – to recognize the achievements of UN Women and also share your hopes and dreams for the next decade

- Submissions will be accepted between **July 2 and August 30**. Its easy- just go the online book and open the tab to UN Women@10. **Make your entry directly!**
- Donations to support UN Women's work are encouraged through the DONATE button. All contributions will be used to support UN Women and tax-deductible donations may be directed to UN Women National Committees on the donate button. No donations will be accepted by fwMAP.

The UN Women@10 special section of the online book will be composed so that it can serve as a stand-alone online “canon” for Beijing +25 and Generation Equality events and official meetings. It will serve as testimony on the impact of UN Women as a newly formed UN entity on the overall results of the UN in pursuit of gender equity worldwide. We hope that the final book will be presented at a Special Session of the 75<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (UNGA 75) in September 2020.

UN Women USA is proud to co-sponsor the UN Women@10 section with The Feminist and Women's Movement Action Plan, in collaboration with partners UN2020 and the NGO CSW/NY.

We look forward to hearing from you and welcome your participation. Please reach out to us if you have questions.



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