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Dear Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the United Nations:

This letter is on behalf of women's organizations in Latin America who wish to express their interest in the resolution on the new gender architecture and its adoption in the Assembly. We hope that the composite model is readopted as the new architecture and that the participation of women's organizations' representatives is incorporated into all levels of the architecture, including in the Boards. The representatives of women's organizations must have a strong voice and the capacity to fully participate at all levels, as in the UNAIDS model.

We hope that the new gender architecture has decision-making power and capacity in the United Nations structure. We also hope that its funding is reinforced in order to guarantee the support for programs to empower women in the diverse countries. We request that this new architecture, which will bring together the already existing structures, strengthens rather than ends the current support for women's programs and plans that will be developed by both government and non-governmental institutions.

Sincerely,

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