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Elizabeth Truss MP
Foreign Secretary
Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office
King Charles Street
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Dear Foreign Secretary

Re: Ukraine

We know that you are as concerned about the current situation in Ukraine as are we. We do hope that we can bring about a peaceful resolution soon. The formulation of that peace and the post conflict recovery need the active participation of women who often suffer the most. This is, of course, supported by SCR 1325 of which we know you are aware.

SCR 1325 marked the first time the Security Council addressed the disproportionate and unique impact of armed conflict on women; recognized the under-valued and under-utilized contributions women make to conflict prevention, peacekeeping, conflict resolution, and peace-building. It also stressed the importance of women's equal and full participation as active agents in peace and security.

[Key Provisions of SCR 1325:](#)

- Increased participation and representation of women at all levels of decision-making.
- Attention to specific protection needs of women and girls in conflict.
- Gender perspective in post-conflict processes.
- Gender perspective in UN programming, reporting, and in SC missions.
- Gender perspective & training in UN peace support operations.

We urge you to advocate and support its implementation in resolving the situation in Ukraine. As a worldwide organisation of women, we are keen that we ensure this important UN resolution is implemented.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cathy Cottridge".

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