Dear Soroptimists of Great Britain and Ireland

What a great opportunity to be able to visit your Soroptimist International of Great Britain & Ireland 84th Conference in Liverpool; like many others I am sure, I recognise Liverpool for its diverse culture and because of the Beatles!

The theme of Empower today and Enable tomorrow is so in tune with the Soroptimist message, both for women and girls and the future of our organisation. As Soroptimists we make a difference in so many ways and we can celebrate our achievements, whilst looking forward and finding new ways of growing our organisation and cementing our presence on the international arena. We have a lot to be proud of, our history, our collective power, our many grassroots projects, and our determination to continue to be and develop as a Global Voice for Women.

I look forward to meeting you all in Liverpool and share our experience, knowledge and friendship.

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