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I am delighted to send my best wishes to everyone celebrating International Women's Day in Maidenhead, and to thank the local Soroptimist International Clubs for everything you are doing to support women across the area.

A hundred years after some women were first given the vote, we can take pride at the enormous strides which we have taken as a society. Today, in 2018, the United Kingdom's most senior judge is a woman. The Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police is a woman. The Leaders of the House of Commons and the House of Lords are women. And I am proud to serve as Britain's second female Prime Minister in a Parliament with more female MPs than ever before.

We have seen the gender pay gap fall to its lowest ever level, the female employment rate is at a record high, and there are more women sitting on the boards of Britain's top businesses than ever before.

However, with women still under-represented in so many key sectors, there is much more work to be done. We need to do more to remove barriers and encourage women to advance – in politics, business, science, academia, the arts, and in every field in which women's voices are still not being heard loudly enough.

That is why I will continue to drive forward the urgent progress we need to ensure that every woman has the chance to go as far as her talent and hard work will take her – and that we continue to build a country that truly works for everyone.

I hope you have a very enjoyable afternoon.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. May', written in a cursive style.