



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
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Dear Friends:

It is a great pleasure to welcome everyone to the 30th Anniversary Celebration of UNIFEM.

For three decades, the United Nations Development Fund for Women has been at the forefront in empowering women and promoting gender equality. From ending violence against women to assisting migrant women with finding employment, this vital organization is helping women to become self-sufficient and reach their full potential.

On behalf of the City of New York, I recognize everyone associated with UNIFEM for their dedication to improving the quality of life for women throughout the world. It is also an honor to congratulate two extraordinary individuals, Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and Terry J. Lundgren. As Africa's first democratically-elected woman president, Mrs. Johnson Sirleaf is a source of inspiration to women throughout the continent and across the globe. Mr. Lundgren helped to bring the invaluable Macy's/Rwanda Path to Peace Partnership to fruition, and this amazing program is aiding women artisans achieve their dreams and goals.

It is always gratifying to recognize organizations and people who have made a lasting impact on our global society, and I wish everyone gathered here tonight continued success in this important work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Bloomberg".

Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor

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