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Dear Mr. President Jean-Claude Juncker,

On behalf of the 18,000 women, members of the European Business and Professional Women organization (BPW Europe), I would like to congratulate you for your new position, your vision and newly approved Team and College of Commissioners.

BPW advocates since 1930 to achieve equal opportunities and status for women in economic, civil society and political life, and as such is working closely with the United Nations and the European institutions.

BPW Europe has specific expertise regarding the gender pay gap and equal representation of women in leadership positions. In this regards, we are running two international advocacy campaigns on "Equal Pay Day" & "Women on Boards". Furthermore, we have contributed to launch the United Nations charter "Women Empowerment Principles" in order to empower women in the workplace, job market and community as a whole.

The European Commission has been at the forefront of gender equality for many years - however there is still a gap, and from our actions we would like to pursue:

- the implementation of the Directive on Women on Boards and the adoption of binding EU legislation to reach gender balanced corporate boards
- the closing of the gender pay gap and the pension gap
- the gender mainstreaming in EU priorities, policies, legislations and funds

We will be delighted to further collaborate and support you and the College whilst raising the voice of business and professional women at European and National level.

Thank you for your attention,

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