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## BPW INTERNATIONAL HELP TO CHERNIHIV, UKRAINE

### **BPW Europe members are received in Chernihiv by the French Ambassador in Sofia, Bulgaria**

First Counsellor Stéphanie Petitbon received a delegation from the BPW (Business and Professional Women) NGO in Chernihiv, Ukraine at the Residence of France to present a donation made by the BPW International network for the benefit of local populations affected by the war.

The donation was initiated by Amélie Leclercq, a French entrepreneur living in Bulgaria and an active member of BPW International, and BPW UK President Joanne Kinsey, in partnership with the Bulgarian NGO Gorata and through international fundraising. The donation is for a new van to be given to the BPW Chernihiv branch to enable it to provide aid in better conditions. The van will leave Sofia for Chernihiv filled with basic necessities (medical aid kits, baby food, solar panels, solar chargers for mobile phones, etc.).

The meeting was attended by

- Yulia Zaika, President of the Chernihiv BPW Club,
- Victoria Filatova, a member of the club and President of the 'Aratta' charity,
- Amélie Leclercq, a member of BPW France and representative of BPW International
- Elizabeth Chapman, First Counsellor of the UK Embassy,
- Iryna Kozik, First Secretary of the Ukrainian Embassy, and
- Jérôme Kelle, Second Counsellor of the French Embassy.

The meeting provided an opportunity to convey messages of solidarity and support from France and the UK to the Ukrainian delegates, and to pay tribute to the crucial role played by Mrs Leclercq and Kinsey in bringing this humanitarian aid to their Ukrainian partners.

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