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Dear John,

I am writing regarding a women's meeting in Westminster in the New Year which I hope will be of interest to your women's committee.

I recently attended a conference in Dublin - "Women in Decision Making" which was sponsored by the European Community. Representatives from all areas of life in Northern Ireland - political parties, the voluntary and public sectors and business and industry attended and the debate during the day was lively, innovative and most constructive.

I would very much like the opportunity to repeat something of that nature in Westminster with women from political parties, and the community and voluntary sector. The conference will last for the whole day and the agenda will be very open and informal.

The meetings will take place in Conference Room A in 1 Parliament Street on Thursday the 4th of January, from 10am till 4.30 pm with a break for lunch. I would be very grateful if you would pass this invitation on to your women's committee which should reply to Katherine McDonald at the House of Commons - tel: 0171 219 5066 or fax: 0171 219 2466. Let me know if you would prefer me to write to them directly.

I hope the day will be stimulating, constructive and useful. I cannot emphasise enough how important it is that all these views be heard and I hope I can provide a neutral and comfortable environment to facilitate the fullest possible exchange of views.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marjorie Mowlam'.

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