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Mr. David Trimble First Minister Designate
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Network - Northern Ireland

Dear Mr. Trimble,

I am writing to brief you on the organisation Network - Northern Ireland which was launched this month the launch was attended by some 360 delegates who come from a wide range of business and professional backgrounds.

It is intended that the Network will support local Women in all fields of endeavour and that the group is diverse in it's membership and open to all.

We are especially interested in the plans for the Civic Forum and believe that we have much to offer such a body and offer our services to it.

We were most impressed by your address at the Vital Voices conference and delighted that you share our desire to see a gender balance in public life.

For your information I have enclosed some background information and I hope that you will keep us informed of the developments associated with the Civic Forum.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon O' Connor
President - Network Northern Ireland

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FACTFILE

Network is a national organisation for Women in Business, Management, the Professions and the Arts. Network facilitates women in the promotion and development of their careers through regular meetings and educational seminars. There are now over 850 members in 11 regional branches.

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THE NETWORK AGENDA

Within the Network Constitution, the organisation is committed to:

- Provide a forum where women in business, the professions and the arts can exchange ideas and increase their business contacts.
- Encouraging women to achieve more satisfying careers.
- Helping to market the skills and expertise of Network members
- Liaising with national and international organisations
- Creating links into Government and State agencies
- Promoting high standards of ethics in business

THE BENEFITS OF NETWORK

Network offers different things to different people. Some members, particularly those in small business, welcome the opportunity to develop business skills through high quality seminars. Others find a non-competitive, yet supportive environment where business challenges or difficulties can be discussed. Still others welcome a forum to make contacts and source new business. Some find the most important aspect is the consistent exposure to topical business and professional life.

Women involved in Network come from all avenues. Owners and managers of small and medium sized businesses. Women at management and non-management level in big business, industry and finance. Women in Government and semi-state bodies. Women in professions and the arts.

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