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Dear William

P-04-507: Women's Equality Network Wales

The Welsh Government is fully committed to adhering to the principles of the UN Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). The Welsh Government is part of the UK State Party which has ratified this UN Convention.

The UK Government Equalities Office (GEO) is responsible for overseeing and promoting the delivery of commitments to CEDAW and co-ordinates input from all other UK Government Departments and the devolved administrations, including the Welsh Government for four yearly reports.

These reports provide progress information on the situation of women in regards to all the areas of discrimination detailed within the Convention as well as on the UN CEDAW Committee's previous recommendations. The UK's 7th report was submitted to the United Nations in June 2011. Wales, along with the other Devolved Administrations contributed to the UK's report. The UN's oral examination of the UK's Report took place on 17 July 2013 at the UN in Geneva. Devolved administrations, including the Welsh Government, were part of the UK delegation.

There is a great deal of work taking place across Welsh Government to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women and advance gender equality. This includes work to eliminate gender stereotyping in schools and the workplace; work to increase the representation of women in public life and work to tackle violence and domestic abuse against women.

Yours sincerely

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