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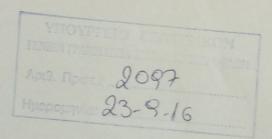
Dear Mr. Tremos,

I have the pleasure to express my gratitude to you and to the General Secretariat for Gender Equality at the Ministry of Interior and Administrative Reconstruction for your two e-mail messages dated 18 and 21 July 2016.

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) welcomes the efforts made by the General Secretariat for Gender Equality to raise the visibility of the UNIDO approach to gender equality and the empowerment of women among key stakeholders in Greece. Above all, we would like to thank the General Secretariat for promoting our Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women Strategy, and our Policy on Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women among Greek ministries, public organizations, independent bodies, key social partners as well as throughout the Greek media. We would also like to commend the General Secretariat for Gender Equality on the recent policies and actions it has taken to promote female employment on a regional and local level, to advocate for women's right to work and for the advancement of the status of women in employment.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of UNIDO as a specialized agency. To commemorate this memorable occasion, we will organize an EXPO from 21 to 25 November 2016 at our Headquarters in Vienna, Austria. The EXPO will open on Monday, 21 November, and will continue throughout the week with a number of side events in parallel with the forty-fourth session of the UNIDO Industrial Development Board. It will be held under the slogan "Together for a sustainable future" and will place a strong focus on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals. It will also serve as a platform for debate and reflection on UNIDO's mandate, which focuses on inclusive and sustainable industrialization. The main event and EXPO will be attended by high-level dignitaries from UNIDO Member States, representatives from donor organizations, the United Nations system and other prominent international organizations, as well as from the private sector, academia and civil society. More information and future updates on the event can be found at the 50th anniversary web platform: https://50.unido.org.

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I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to participate in the 50th anniversary celebrations of UNIDO. Your participation in the events during that week would represent an opportunity to engage an international audience of decision makers on issues of global significance. Your presence at the high-level event on "Scaling Women's Economic Empowerment through Innovative Approaches" on Monday 21 November 2016 at 2:30 p.m., alongside other experts from the political and economic spheres, would be highly appreciated.

In order to facilitate our preparations, I would be grateful if you could kindly confirm your availability to attend the main event and the EXPO to Mr. Jason Slater, Chief, Corporate Communications and Media Relations Division, by e-mail at 50years@unido.org, at your earliest convenience.

Allow me once again to express our appreciation for the efforts taken by you and the General Secretariat for Gender Equality to bring visibility to the UNIDO approach to furthering gender equality and empowering women. I look forward to welcoming you at the anniversary celebrations.

Yours sincerely,

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