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In the course of three decades, UNIFEM's efforts in more than 100 countries, from Liberia to Afghanistan, have touched the lives of countless women. UNIFEM has helped raise awareness of gender-based violence, and helped women speak up against it. It has promoted women's political participation, and worked for their economic empowerment. It played a key role in the passage of Security Council resolution 1325, which placed firmly on the agenda the needs of women in societies in armed conflict, while creating a political framework for women's role in peacebuilding. We join women around the world in offering thanks and best wishes to UNIFEM on its 30th anniversary.

**UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan & Mrs Nane Annan**

UNIFEM is a long-standing and trusted friend. The organization stood with Liberia's women in the lead-up to the election, supporting, contributing, encouraging. The help it gave to Liberia testifies to the importance of a strong women's fund at the United Nations. Women, my strong constituency, tell me that they want the same chances that men have. They want to be literate. They want their work recognized. They want protection against rape. They want clean water that won't sicken and kill their children. I pray this can happen. The women of Liberia and the women of Africa from all walks of life share their trust and confidence in our ability to succeed. I know that UNIFEM will be there for the long journey.

**H.E. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President, Republic of Liberia**

The transformation that has taken place in the lives of Afghan women over the past four years is owed to the resilience and determination of Afghan women and men, and to the valuable support they have received from the international community. I thank UNIFEM and all other international organizations without whose help this global effort to empower the Afghan women would not have succeeded.

**H.E. Hamid Karzai, President, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan**

Humanity will never truly advance unless it ceases treating women, as well as the challenges they face, casually - often catering to them and their needs only for the sake of political expediency (when requiring the women's vote at election time, for example) and not because it understands that women have rights and aspirations equal to those of men. If only we can realize that simple point, and react to it accordingly, it would stand as the first notable, great achievement of the twenty-first century. To support UNIFEM is tantamount to moving humanity decisively in that direction.

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