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Dear Zontians,

It gives me great pleasure to share with you the appointment of Michelle Bachelet, former President of Chile, as the new Under-Secretary-General of UN Women. The appointment was announced yesterday by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. Read the official announcement at [www.unwomen.org](http://www.unwomen.org).

Ms. Bachelet has proven herself to be a capable and strong leader and a passionate advocate for the rights of women and girls. Her appointment comes at a critical juncture for UN Women which the UN hopes to have fully operational by 1 January 2011.

I look forward to hearing more about her vision for UN Women and about how she envisions working with NGOs and women's organizations to realize that vision once she is formally appointed this Sunday, 19 September.

I will continue to keep you informed of any news related to UN Women and Under-Secretary-General Michelle Bachelet as it becomes available.

Warm regards,

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