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Dear Governor of District 29 and Club President of the Zonta Club of Moenchengladbach Area,

Let me please start by congratulating you and the members of the Zonta Club of Moenchengladbach Area on your 40th anniversary!

As you all know, since 1919 Zonta International has contributed to the advancement of the status of women and, internationally, we have distributed more than US\$19 million in service projects, fellowships, scholarships and awards. We proudly celebrate that we have changed the lives of more than 2 million women and girls in more than 34 countries.

The efforts in all Zonta communities at local levels are uncountable, and cover issues from economic growth, equal rights, access to health and education, self-sustainability, self-esteem, personal support and comfort in difficult situations.

As Zontians, our mission is to fight all forms of violence, oppression and discrimination against women, to contribute to the education and health of women, and to ensure that women's rights are respected for what they are: HUMAN RIGHTS.

You are now a 40-year-old club, with a lot of history and traditions. Together, with many clubs around the world, the Zonta Club of Moenchengladbach Area has contributed significantly to improving women's lives and empowering them so they can develop their fullest potential. On behalf of those women, please allow me to extend their gratitude and acknowledge your efforts and support.

Your dedication to Zonta and what it stands for is an inspiration to many other clubs who were chartered later than you. Thank you for all you have done and all you have contributed to making our international organization what it is today. ONCE MORE, CONGRATULATIONS!

This biennium, let us all work to strengthen women's voices, leadership capability and presence in decision making positions. Let us ensure women have access to education and economic empowerment and that we work on advocating for ending violence against women.

Wishing you the best for the future.

Warm regards,



Maria Jose Landeira Oestergaard
President

