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Secretary of State, the Right Hon. William Hague  
FCO re PSVI/ESVC Global Summit

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Dear Secretary of State,

When I fell against the poster right in front of you and Angelina Jolie in the Fringe area, I assured you as, 'William', that I was not hurt, but, although we have met, I feel I want to write now more formally, to thank you and all your staff for the huge task you undertook so effectively. The Global Summit was an amazing, brilliant, historic and unique event, and I feel genuinely privileged and proud to have been part of it.

Although I was registered as a delegate, I actually spent most of my time (I was there for the 5 days including the setting up) in the Fringe partly because NAWO put on two events including our panel chaired by the Minister for Women, Nicky Morgan, and partly because, while we could listen, we could not contribute so effectively as NGOs in the ministerial dialogues. Not a complaint – the UK needed to hear real commitments from the countries present.

Despite some media grumbles and some ongoing concerns about a kind of mismatch in government policy/implementation between foreign and home policies in relation to the whole issue of gender based violence and in current responses to women seeking asylum from rape and other forms of torture, the outcomes from the Summit are really strong. You will have a powerful following from civil society to keep up the pressure and the good work around the globe and we look forward to being part of that.

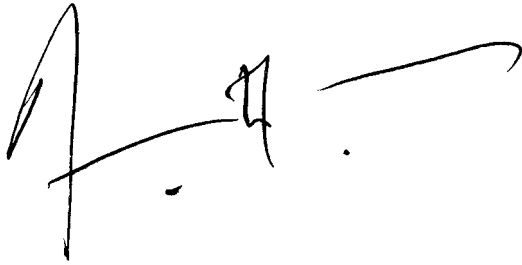
I found your speeches inspiring as well as those from the extraordinary line-up you were able to gather and felt particularly moved by the Closing Ceremony. To have a man in full military regalia and medals proudly exhorting the need for gender equality, as Lt. General David Morrison did, was incredible. But it happened.

So did so much else including the actions already undertaken like the Protocol and others planned which we will help forward in any way we can.

I would like to mention the particular support we received from Tom Woodroffe who is a friend from his time at the UK UN Mission – he went beyond the full stop to facilitate us.

So, many - very many – congratulations.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Annette Lawson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Annette Lawson  
Chair