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Webtalk on International Cooperation: Leadership in Fragile Contexts – The Role of Women in Peacebuilding

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Globally, only one in four parliamentary seats is held by a woman. At COP25, only 21 percent of heads of delegation were female, and between 1992 and 2019, only 13 percent of negotiators in peace processes were female. German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas described it as an act not only of justice but of political and economic reason to help women gain more influence. Not least, the United Nations' agenda "Women, Peace and Security" calls on all of us to involve women equally.

Even though it has long been proven that gender equality and the joint assumption of responsibility has a positive impact on societies and the achievement of sustainable development in line with the United Nations' 2030 Agenda, women are still underrepresented in decision-making structures today.

Which countries and individuals are exemplary for the participation of women in foreign policy? Which responsibility does German foreign policy bear? How do women perceive their role on the foreign policy stage and are their demands heard? What special challenges arise in fragile contexts? These are some of the questions we would like to explore at our event.

I am looking forward to digitally welcoming you on 4th March!

With kind regards,

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Director GIZ Representation Berlin