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Dear Staff of the St Gregory Consortium on Global Gender Studies:

My name is Ananda Bhamini (which means Joyful Woman in ancient Sanskrit if you are curious). As you may know, I am currently the Director for the Center on the Development of Gendered Utopias at the United Nations. We are working on 4 distinct areas of concern around the world regarding the position of young girls and women in developing regions. These areas are education, economics, violence, and health (including reproductive health). The developing regions we are particularly interested in are SE Asia (especially India), Africa (especially sub-Saharan and East Africa), and Latin America especially South America.

It is my hope that you will help me to create the agenda for a conference for policy makers around the world. Since we can't tackle every issue in one conference, I need you to convince me, based on your areas of expertise, what the most important areas of concern are right now that we should include in our conference. The purpose of the conference will be to both educate conference attendees on these issues as well as stimulate dialog with experts in international studies on the plight of women in the world to come up with some sort of road map to lead us forward in our work of creating a gendered utopia on earth.

I am reaching out to you before I contact anyone else because I know of your good work and have full faith that you would do an excellent job creating the agenda for this conference. We would like to hold the conference next February in Tucson. I expect there to be 4 breakout sessions around the 4 issues (each about an hour long). And I hope to have both learning time as well as solution-making opportunities. To help facilitate your planning, I have sent Dr. Michelle Berry from my agency to answer any questions you may have.

In sincere gratitude for your willingness to take on this project, I am, yours.

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Director

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