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## Message from Mr. E. M. Gairy, Prime Minister of Grenada

On behalf of the Government and people of Grenada, and on my own behalf, I greet you on this occasion of the opening of your all-important Conference marking the International Women's Year.

I have followed, with great interest, the activities planned through the United Nations and allied agencies in honour of the International Women's Year, and I look forward to the proposed plan of action which will result from your deliberations. I would like to assure you that the Government of Grenada will continue to support the removal of barriers to advancement on the grounds of sex and all other forms of discrimination.

My Government's recognition of the contribution of the women of our country has been demonstrated in many ways, and their rights and equality as citizens are enshrined in our 1974 Independence Constitution. In September last year, in my address to the United Nations on the occasion of Grenada's admission to that world body, I seized the opportunity to expound on the entrenchment of women's rights and privileges within our constitution.

We welcome the opportunity to send a delegation to attend this important Conference, which will provide the forum for sharing experiences and bringing about a greater understanding among many nations of the world.

May God bless your deliberations and may the world richly benefit from your collective endeavour to bring about greater peace and harmony.

Please extend my sincerest felicitations and esteem to all your most charming women leaders of our globe, with best wishes and God's blessings for an effective and successful Conference, and an open invitation to all to visit Grenada - the "Isle of Spice" and one of the world's loveliest islands with its warm-hearted people.