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Dear *(name of head of state),*

At the upcoming United Nations General Assembly, governments will address the Post 2015 Development Agenda and the sustainable development goals.  We are writing to share with you our priorities as women’s rights advocates concerned about the need for a transformative development agenda which prioritizes policies, programmes and funding to women’s rights, gender equality and social justice. This requires a transformational shift in economic policy-making so that development policies are truly able to eradicate poverty and inequality and put people first.

As stated by the Secretary-General in his report, “A Life of Dignity for All:  Accelerating progress towards the Millennium Development Goals and Advancing the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015, “*(could insert any of the key quotes in the S-G’s report).”*

The following are key priorities for our country, especially for the women of our country:

*(could insert any key points from the Feminist Reflections, e.g.)*

-  *make gender equality and women’s rights an essential component of sustainable development;*

-  *address the interlinked and multi-sectoral issues affecting gender equality, including ending poverty and supporting the women, peace and security agenda;*

*-  measures must be taken to address land-grabbing, environmental degradation and displacement which occurs when corporations are able to own and control land, including holding them to account.*

We urge you to incorporate these key priorities in your statement to the UN General Assembly and use them in your deliberations with other member-states to ensure that gender equality and women’s rights are front and central in the Post 2015 development agenda.

*Signed*