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GLOBAL SOCIAL PROTECTION

In 2010, Michelle Bachelet was called by the ILO to oversee the Social Protection Floor Advisory Group. The initiative looked to promote social policies focusing on citizen protection and citizen protection during times of economic crisis. In 2011, the Group published the report “Social Protection Floor for a Fair and Inclusive Globalization,” which currently serves as a guide for the United Nations in this material.

NEW INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT FOR WOMEN

Michelle Bachelet was the first Executive Director of UN Women, leading efforts for the rights of women and girls around the world. Her priorities were to strive to put an end to gender-based violence, increase female political participation, economically empower women, increase the number of women participating in peace processes and support governments that create gender-conscious proposals.

STOPPING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

One of the goals was to fight against gender violence as a societal topic, where governments should commit to actively protect women. UN Women began a campaign of concrete promises where, during the first months, 58 governments positively responded to efforts. Today more than 603 million women live in countries where domestic violence is not a crime.

POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

In order to increase political leadership among women, Bachelet provided expert support to 71 countries for the creation of special laws that promote greater female participation in elections for representative positions. The initiatives that she promoted strengthened civic responsibility and helped women to not only choose their candidates, but also become candidates.

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

UN Women worked to reduce the high number of women who live in poverty, promoting their economic independence through specific programs and judicial advice in order to guarantee their hereditary and land rights. On a global scale, the majority of women participate in the economy through informal jobs.

GREATER PARTICIPATION IN PEACE PROCESSES

Women are fundamental for the reconstruction of social networks that, through violence, have been broken in countries suffering from conflict and are going through political transitions. In 37 countries experiencing conflict, UN Women promotes female leadership and training programs led by peace and security experts.

BOLSTER GENDER AWARENESS

UN Women, with the goal of strengthening institutional responsibility in regards to gender, continues to work on initiatives in more than 78 countries in order to foster the planning for and development of proposals that focus on gender. Today, 20 countries have prioritized gender equality and female empowerment in their national plans and budgets, where there have been increased investments in this area.

SUCCESSFUL MANAGEMENT OF UN WOMEN

Michelle Bachelet bid farewell to her position as Executive Director of UN Women by signing a historic agreement: "Preventing and eliminating of all forms of violence against women and children," at the last session of the Commission on the Status of Women (57th). The Secretary General of the United Nations, Ban Ki-moon, expressed gratitude for the enormous contribution that Michelle Bachelet has given to UN Women, stating that "She was the right person in the right job at the right time."

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AND A LESSON THAT, I AM SURE, WILL SERVE THE MEN AND WOMEN OF MY COUNTRY."

Michelle Bachelet – March 27th, 2013 in the El Bosque Civic Center.