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**I'd like to wish everyone a Happy
International Women's Day
(IWD) today, 8th March 2019!**

This year's theme is **#BalanceForBetter**.

As we remember the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women today, we have the opportunity to commit to be part of the change for accelerating gender parity wherever we are in the world. Everyone benefits when people are treated fairly, with respect and their voice is heard.

I'd like to see leadership redefined to give greater value to what might be classed as traditionally female characteristics, as well as progress towards inspiring more girls into careers in STEM.
(Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics)

I am especially inspired by the rise of women in the Middle East who will be making a far greater contribution to their respective economies through progressive country visions and leadership.

Women are our greatest untapped talent pool.



Let's continue the journey to
#BalanceForBetter and speed up the
time to global gender parity.

More than 150 years is too long to wait!

