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Subject: Collaboration for Gender Equality: A Shared Commitment

To the Distinguished Members of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK,

As President of the Young Parliamentarians Forum (YPF) and Member of the National Assembly of Pakistan, I am honoured to express my support for the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) UK's efforts to promote gender equality across the Commonwealth. This commitment is particularly significant as we approach International Women's Day 2025.

In Pakistan, we have made notable progress toward a more inclusive society, including the historic appointment of our first female Chief Minister in Punjab. However, challenges remain, and we must continue to prioritize key issues such as education for girls, equal property rights for women, and combating early child marriage. Additionally, women's health and protection from domestic violence are critical areas requiring immediate attention. These are broad and complex issues that demand a multi-faceted approach, encompassing legislative reform, grassroots advocacy, and international collaboration.

As someone actively engaged in field politics, I have witnessed firsthand the struggles faced by women and girls at the grassroots level. This direct engagement has given me a deeper understanding of their challenges and aspirations. It reinforces my belief that Young Parliamentarians must lead efforts to address these issues comprehensively. I encourage young people, particularly those from underrepresented groups, to join this movement for equality. Their voices can inspire meaningful change and help create a world where every individual has equal opportunities to thrive.

I look forward to collaborating with CPA UK to amplify these efforts. Together, we can foster cross-border dialogue, advocate for inclusive policies, and empower young leaders to take decisive action. Let us unite under the banner of #AccelerateAction to build a more equitable world for all.

Warm Regards,

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