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**MESSAGE TO LUNCHEON HOSTED BY
THE WORLD FEDERATION OF UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATIONS
IN HONOUR OF GILLIAN M. SORENSEN**

New York, 20 May 2009

Gillian Sorensen's love of the United Nations is second to none's. For decades now, from New York City to almost every corner of the United States and many other countries as well, she has spoken with great passion and knowledge about the crucial role of the Organization in today's world. She has helped diplomats find their footing; inspired young people in their studies and careers; and been a cherished UN staff member, serving my predecessors with distinction. She is, in short, one of the world Organization's very best friends. We wholeheartedly return that affection for Gillian, who is beloved to this day at the United Nations and in the wider diplomatic community. It is a pleasure to join WFUNA in honoring her many contributions to the cause of building a better world.