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Your Excellency Ms. Sania A. Ansari.

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Your Excellency,

Receive my message of Goodwill through the blessings and introduction by His Majesty Dr. Nana Sanzule Manwere .

Your Excellency,

When I joined politics, I did not anticipate that I would have to face a gender gap. I had heard about the glass ceiling from my mother's generation but, having grown up seeing women in leadership roles, I believed the ceiling had already been shattered. It quickly became apparent that it was not.

Luckily, I was privileged to be raised by parents who empowered my voice and supported my goals. This upbringing, combined with the positive women role models in business, politics and career roles I was exposed to as a girl, encouraged me to pursue my leadership ambitions. I personally attribute much of my own success as a women leader to my father. Growing up, there was no such thing as a glass ceiling in my household. My father taught me to speak my mind, believe in my opinions, and pursue any path I wanted in life. He encouraged me to explore my passions regardless of field and create my own opportunities. Most importantly, he stood up for my voice and, in the process, taught me to do the same.

Your Excellency, reading about you and the work you have done does not only make you an example for the Women of Today but it also gives an incredible opportunity for the women to learn and understand what it means to have a seat at