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I am delighted to extend my cordial greetings to everyone attending the 23rd Triennial Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World, being held from June 11th to 18th. I would also like to bid a warm welcome to the international delegates who have travelled to Hamilton to take part in what will surely be a most enlightening session of deliberations.

This conference — with the theme, *Volunteers Make Visions a Reality* — will no doubt offer you a chance to reflect upon the important work carried out by your organization on behalf of women and the community at large. It is particularly appropriate that you have chosen this topic to be the focus of your discussions in this, the International Year of Volunteers. For decades, the Associated Country Women of the World and its member organizations including the Women's Institute, the women of the National Farmer's Union and the Cercles des Fermières du Québec have worked tirelessly to create a better society for all. As you participate in the various workshops and hear from your guest speakers, you may take great satisfaction in knowing that through your efforts, you have helped to effect positive change the world over.

Please accept my best wishes for a most productive and enjoyable gathering, as well as every success in meeting the challenges of the years to come.

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