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Greeting Mayor and Council,

I'm pleased to confirm that UN Women has accepted the City's application to participate in its [Global Flagship Initiative: Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces](#) (see attached letter).

Arts, Culture and Community Services (ACCS) will be the lead department on this action that was identified as part of Safety in Vancouver: A City for All Women, Women's Equity Strategy 2018-2028. Vancouver is the fourth Canadian City to take part in this Initiative, following Winnipeg, Edmonton, and London.

Participation connects Vancouver to a [network of cities around the world](#) who are committed to creating safe and inclusive cities for all residents. It also aligns with the City's Healthy City Strategy goal of ["A safe city in which residents feel secure"](#) and corresponding target to "increase residents' sense of belonging and safety by 10%, and make Vancouver the safest major city in Canada".

The City of Vancouver can take pride in all of its existing work in creating safe and inclusive spaces for women and all in our community. Participating in this Initiative is an opportunity to continue these efforts and to learn and exchange best practices with like-minded cities around the world.

Should you have any questions, please contact Anne Nickerson, Director of Equal Employment Opportunity Program at 604.873.7776 or Anne.Nickerson@vancouver.ca.

Best,
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24 May 2018

Dear Mayor Robertson,

I thank you for your letter regarding the interest of the City of Vancouver, Canada, to participate as a champion city in UN Women's Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces Global Flagship Initiative.

Acknowledging the outstanding commitment to building a safe and sustainable city, and the efforts undertaken by the city to address the issue of sexual violence against women and girls in public spaces, we are delighted to welcome the City of Vancouver to the Global Flagship as a champion city, and as the fourth city in Canada to participate in the programme.

I commend the work that the city of Vancouver has initiated to empower women and girls, and to guarantee their right to a life free of violence, including the Women's Equity Strategy, the Women's Safety Fair, and the public inquiry on missing and murdered Indigenous Women in the city. I congratulate your strong leadership to prevent sexual harassment and other forms of violence against women, manage safe public spaces, and your commitment to contribute to multiple sustainable development goals and the New Urban Agenda.

I am pleased that you have appointed Sandra Singh, General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services to support the next steps in the collaboration, with your personal support in City Hall. Ms. Laura Capobianco, Advisor, Safe Public Spaces, Ending Violence against Women and Girls Section will follow up to discuss next steps.

Thank you very much for your support and commitment.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka
Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director

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