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Ophelia Tynan
Inquiry Secretary
Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Department of the House of Representatives
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Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Ms Tynan,

I am writing to correct evidence given during the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade appearance at the inquiry into the rights of women and children hearing on Wednesday 8 March 2023.

I would like to correct my responses as identified below:

- To the Chair, Ms Maria Vamvakinou MP's question that relates to conflicts (refer to proof Hansard page 1) – specifically, *'At the time of the Conference they identified that there were 18 regions in the world where there were conflicts and where violence against women and children were occurring'*.
 - o I mistakenly referenced *'regions'* when I meant to say *'active conflicts'*, as per the [UK Foreign Secretary's opening remarks](#).
- To Senator Reynolds' request that relates to the release of the second National Action Plan (refer to proof Hansard Page 3).
 - o I advised that it was the *'middle of this year'* however I should have advised *'at the end of the year'*.
 - o Further, I incorrectly drew reference to *'recommendations'*, however there will be no recommendations.

Yours sincerely

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