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RE: Welcome to the World Congress on Midwifery and Women's Health

Dear Conference Participants,

As Deputy Mayor and City Councillor for Ward 18 - Davenport, I am pleased to welcome you to the 8th World Congress on Midwifery and Women's Health, hosted in our beautiful city of Toronto. Accessibility and choice for women are central to what our country stands for, and midwifery services are integral to that commitment.

This year's theme, "*New Standards of Healthcare: Caring from Cells to Souls*", promises to address the most significant accomplishments and challenges in midwifery and women's health. The drive to immerse ourselves in the study of health reflects a shared commitment to serve others; this two-day conference provides a great opportunity to hone one's skills and knowledge to better achieve that goal. The program content will surely engage both experienced and nascent healthcare practitioners of all levels.

The interactive format and diversity of participants and sessions will serve as a conduit for social learning. The conference will undoubtedly give practitioners, educators and learners a chance to develop their skillset and foster a reinvigorated passion for the profession.

I wish you a wonderful experience at the conference and in our great city. I am confident that you will find the skills, knowledge and cultural immersion enriching.

Sincerely,

Ana Bailão
Deputy Mayor
City Councillor Ward 18 - Davenport