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When I got back from NY on Friday afternoon, I went to the World Bank advisory board meeting on their Women's Development Report. Many of the development ministers, private sector reps and WB officials commented on the significance of your APEC speech. The Swedish minister told me that you're having such an impact on these issues that her Foreign Minister made his General Assembly speech solely on women's issues.

Zoellick is really committed to investing in women and girls. He opened the annual meeting standing with his Managing Directors and reading excerpts from lives of girls and women around the globe. Their WDR website is excellent and the WB bldg is dressed in banners proclaiming "gender equality is smart economics", etc We had considerable discussion about getting these issues on the Pusan aid effectiveness agenda. In fact, Ngozi made a very strong pitch for putting gender significantly in the Pusan discussions.

I participated on your behalf in the launch of the Women, War and Peace documentary series that's going to be aired on PBS. They did a short excerpt from the series. It is exceptionally powerful. You look and sound terrific. I think it will be helpful in pushing our women, peace and security action plan forward, as well.

Also, I wanted to tell you that I met with Pinchuk who was asked by Yanokovych to convey his strong continuing interest in integrating with Europe (despite the mess they find themselves in --- having antagonized all sides in the last few weeks with the Tymoshenko trial), that they are under huge pressure from the Russians, and he's looking for a way to get beyond Tymoshenko trial, but regardless the outcome, they most likely wouldn't allow her to run for future office (not that she'd be the strongest candidate anyway).

Several of the women foreign ministers involved in the climate change issue cornered me and said they want to use Durban meeting to advance women in sustainability and would like US to join with Mexico and S. Africa in playing a leadership role. We'll see what's possible.

You and CVC were fabulous at CGI! May you survive another day of bilats.

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