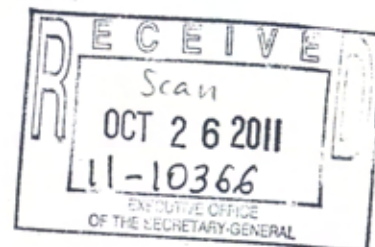


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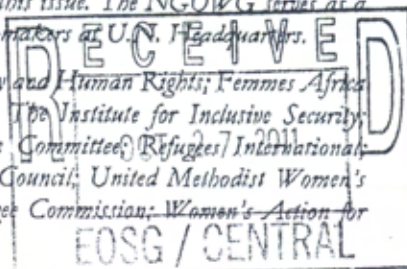
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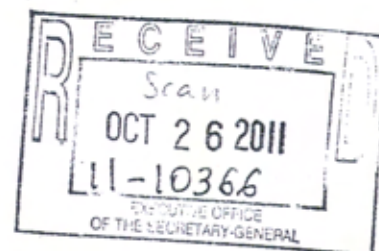
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October 25, 2011

To:	UN Secretary-General	From:	Sarah Taylor NGOWG on Women, Peace and Security
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Please find attached a request for a meeting with the Secretary-General on behalf of a delegation of women from Afghanistan who are in New York City from 26 to 28 October 2011 inclusive for the 11th Anniversary of Security Council resolution 1325.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

Best Regards,

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