## Message from Chair, Committee of Women in Engineering, World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO) International Women's Day – 8th March 2024 Theme: "Inspire Inclusion"; #INSPIREINCLUSION.

Fellow engineers, colleague female engineers, students in engineering, ladies and gentlemen across the globe, on behalf of Women in Engineering (WIE), I am genuinely excited to write to you on the occasion of the 2024 International Women's Day, which is being celebrated worldwide today, March 8th.

On this International Women's Day, I am profoundly honored and immensely proud as chair of the Women in Engineering Committee to celebrate the remarkable achievements of women in engineering around the globe.

This year's IWD campaign theme is "**Inspire Inclusion**," with a focus on inspiring everyone to understand the value of women's inclusion as we forge ahead to build a better world. I wish to remind us all to remain energized and relevant, always filled with a great sense of belonging and empowerment.

Today, we celebrate the tireless efforts and contributions of women who have defied societal norms, shattered glass ceilings, and paved the way for future generations of engineers. We honor those who have bravely pursued their passion for engineering despite facing countless difficulties and barriers.

As we reflect on the progress we have made, we must also acknowledge the challenges that still lie ahead. Despite the increasing number of women entering the engineering field, gender disparities persist. Women continue to be underrepresented in leadership positions, face discrimination in the workplace, and struggle to gain equal recognition for their accomplishments.

Today, we are encouraged to focus on our boundless potential and resilience. We are innovators, problem solvers, and trailblazers. We bring diverse perspectives and fresh ideas to the table, driving creativity and pushing the boundaries of what is possible.

As we look towards the future, let us commit to creating a more inspiring and inclusive environment for women in engineering. Let us work together to remove systemic barriers and create opportunities for women to thrive and excel in this field.

To the young women and girls who dream of becoming engineers, remember that the world needs your brilliance, creativity, and passion. Do not let anyone tell you that you do not belong or that it cannot be done. You can achieve anything you set your mind to, and the engineering field is waiting for your unique talents to make a difference.

In conclusion, let us celebrate today the extraordinary achievements of women in engineering and recommit ourselves to building a future where all individuals, regardless of gender, have equal opportunity to pursue their dreams and contribute to society's advancement.

Thank you.

Happy International Women's Day

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