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Your fans are here by the hundreds and eagerly awaiting your speech on the 12th!

As you know the US has been a strong supporter of a new women's agency at the UN that would provide for an Under Secretary General for women's issues, better coordination and effectiveness and-- consolidation of a group of smaller entities. In bilats today, I learned that some G77 countries are wondering what's in it for them. They're not developing countries and they're not the UK or US. Brazil may be second guessing the creation of the new agency yet this is an agency that will benefit women everywhere. I don't know if you'll have an opportunity to say to Brazil's leader that we hope the UN women's agency will continue to have their support. In fact Tom Shannon told me that they're really interested in women's issues and wanted to sign a MOU with us. Sometimes there's a disconnect between NY perm reps and their capitals

2nd, I don't know if you're still going to Chile. If you talk to Bachelet about her future, you can tell that so many govt reps at the UN would like to see her head up the new women's agency. It's not clear if she's even interested.

Thx