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I wanted to tell you a couple of things for Chicago, if useful.

Norway is going to be funding and staffing a new NATO Special Rep on Women, Peace and Security and the position will be in the NATO Secretariat, which is quite significant. Moreover, Sweden is making available to NATO the Nordic Centre for Gender in Military Operations. These are both tangible new steps in promoting WPS in military operations. You have no idea what you unleashed when the US launched the National Action Plan!

Also FM Store is interested in raising the following issues with you in Chicag: Burma, Libya and Afghanistan; broader trends on women and mediation/engagement in international dialogues and peace processes, the important link between global health and efforts to address conflict-related sexual violence and ensuring that sexual violence and women's participation remains part of international dialogue with Syria.

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Finally, we are looking for ways to focus the US Burma human rights groups (from simply raising the issues of on-going violence in the areas, some of it targeted on women) to actually supporting women in the ethnic conflict areas by focusing on concrete ways to enable the ethnic women to play a useful role in efforts to end the conflicts and participate in future peace agreements.