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WEConnect International identifies, educates, registers, and certifies women’s business enterprises that are at least 51-percent owned, managed, and controlled by one or more women, and then connects them with member buyers. The WEConnect International eNetwork supports and promotes women-owned businesses based in more than 100 countries. WEConnect International corporate member buyers represent over US$1 trillion in annual purchasing power.

Ms. Vazquez is the co-author of the book, “Buying for Impact: How to Buy from Women and Change Our World”. She sits on the UN Secretary-General’s High Level Panel on Women’s Economic Empowerment, the Board of Trustees of the Eisenhower Fellowships, the W20 and the B20 SME Development Taskforce to advance G20 commitments, and is a member of the International Advisory Council for the Walmart Global Women’s Economic Empowerment Initiative.

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