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The European Union of Women (EUW) held their 32nd Council meeting in Prague at the weekend. The delegates from 13 different countries across Europe met to elect their new President and Board.

The new President, Margaret Hales MBE, committed the organisation to an action packed future.

"We have resolved today to condemn terrorism and all who assist or fund terrorist attacks against ordinary law abiding citizens. We work to make recommendations on the situation of refugees and migrants remembering that they too are human beings. We reach out in friendship to our sisters in other European countries that are striving to reach democracy. Our principles are peace and justice and we must never forget that."

Margaret Hales MBE is British but has lived in Spain for 11 years. She reminded the Council that EUW, now in its 64th year, was older than the European Union and includes countries outside the EU. After Brexit the British Section would still have a full and active role in the EUW.

Margaret Hales takes over the Presidency from Elisabeth Morin-Chartier, a French MEP, and she will be supported by Dr Margaret Stockham Turner as General Secretary.

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Notes to the editor

EUW was founded in 1953 by the Austrian MP Lola Solar and is an NGO with observer status at the UN, OECD and Council of Europe. It welcomes women from the centre right of the political spectrum. Seventeen countries are currently members.

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