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COMHLACHAS BAN TÍ NA HÉIREANN

Irish Housewives Association

19, Ely Place,

Dublin.

26th October, 1960.

His Excellency, the President of Ireland,
Arus an Uachtarain,
Phoenix Park,
Dublin.

Your Excellency,

I am writing on behalf of the Irish Housewives Association to ask if you and Mrs de Valera would grant us the favour of your patronage for the forth-coming XIXth Triennial Congress of the International Alliance of Women to be held in Dublin from 19th August to 2nd September 1961. Due to the generosity of His Grace, the Most Reverend Dr. McQuaid, the Congress will be held at the Institute of Catholic Sociology and the Dominican Hall, Eccles St.

The Irish Housewives Association, the only affiliated society in Ireland, will act as host, and we are most anxious to make this Congress a memorable occasion for the delegates as well as for the women of Ireland. We hope that between three and four hundred delegates will attend, representing 37 nations.

5 I enclose the Report of the XVIIIth Congress in Athens in 1958 to which we went a delegate. This gives a review of the important work the Alliance is doing for women all over the world, as well as the type of programme we hope to arrange for them in Dublin.

We should be deeply grateful if you and Mrs de Valera would grant us this favour, and greatly honoured if you would attend the opening ceremony and reception we hope to arrange on 21st August, details of which would be supplied later.

I am your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) Hilda Tweedy.

Chairman, I.H.A.