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|  | ***March 25, 2015******MEDIA ALERT*** |

***WOMEN IN DIPLOMACY: WHY SO FEW?***

A panel discussion on ***Thursday, March 26th*** between senior diplomats from Australia, Europe, South America and Asia will consider the contribution women make to diplomacy, and the barriers that still exist to women in the diplomatic arena.

While women are no longer a novelty in diplomacy, they still represent a small minority at senior levels of the diplomatic service. Out of 89 Heads of Mission currently resident in Canberra, 13 are women.

The discussion, hosted by AIIA ACT, will include **the Honourable Penelope Wensley AC, HE Mrs Annemieke Ruigrok, HE Dr Clemencia Forero-Ucrós, and HE Mrs Naela Chohan** (see http://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/events/women-in-diplomacy/ for more details)

The media is welcome to attend this event.

***TIME: 6.00pm***

***DATE: Thursday, March 26th 2015***

***VENUE: Australian Centre on China in the World, Building 188, Fellows Lane, Australian National University.***

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