

## Message from the President



### **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women**

Soroptimists have been waging the battle against violence against women for decades now, and yet, we have all seen that violence shows no sign of waning, let alone of disappearing. Women around the world, in our countries, in our towns, in our neighbourhoods, continue to suffer violence – just for the fact of being women. On the occasion of November 25th, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, I wanted to share with you a statement by Soroptimist International of Europe which once again, through the joined voices of 35,000 women, says No! to violence. As we do every year, this year we once again join in solidarity to mark this important day. I hope that you will distribute the statement below widely and, more importantly, that you will continue the fight against violence against women with the same commitment you have demonstrated over the years. In a time of economic and political crisis in the world, we must do so with renewed energy, with renewed dedication.

In friendship,

Ulla Madsen