



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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25 October 2010

Dear Dr. Frenk,

I would like to commend you for the significant contribution to women's and children's health made over the past year by the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH).

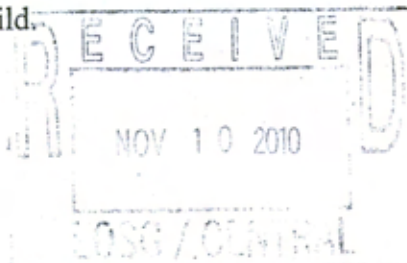
By supporting the development of the Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health, the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health has helped to deliver the critical roadmap that will guide global efforts for years to come. The Global Strategy would not have been possible without your strong advocacy and outreach, nor without the careful work of the Partnership to synthesize comments from the full range of contributors.

I was very encouraged that Heads of State and Government, along with the private sector, foundations, international organizations, civil society and research organizations, have come together to commit over \$40 billion in new resources for women's and children's health.

The financial, service delivery and policy commitments made in support of the Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health comprise a major step in delivering on the promise of a healthy future for today's and future generations of millions of women and children. But our success will depend on a robust accountability process and continued mobilization of political and operational support. I will continue to count on your leadership to translate promises into deeds and to both deepen and broaden our coalition.

I have sent similar letters to the other members of the PMNCH Board. Together, we can move from commitment into action, and translate our investments into lives saved, families protected and economically viable communities built around a foundation of good health. All of us have a role to play. We can and must make the world a healthier and safer place, for every woman and every child.

Dr. Julio Frenk
Dean
Harvard School of Public Health
Boston

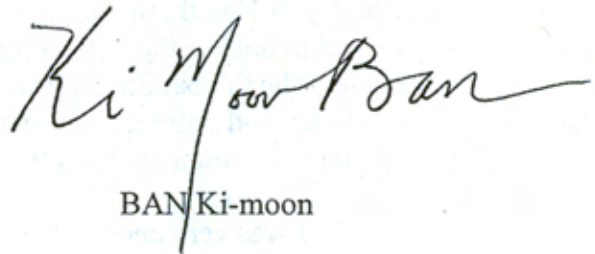


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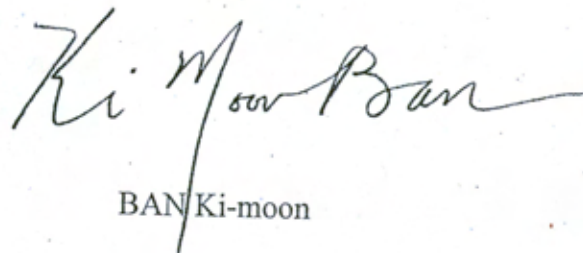
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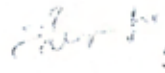
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Note to the Chef de Cabinet

Letters on maternal and child health

Please find enclosed responses to letters from the Chairs of the Committee on the Rights of the Child and on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women for the Secretary-General's review and signature. The Secretary-General's letters thank these stakeholders for their inputs to the Global Strategy. We will transmit copies of the Global Strategy with the letters.

I also attach a letter to President Mubarak of Egypt thanking Egypt for its contributions to the Global Strategy.

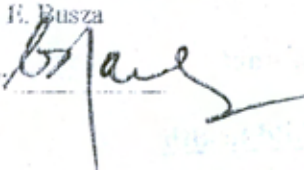
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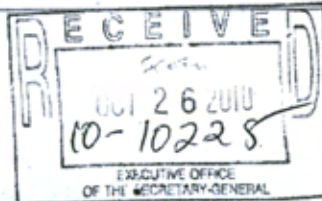


Letters on maternal and child health

1. Mr. Mohamed Hosni Mubarak
President of the Arab Republic of Egypt
Cairo

2. Ms. Nacla Mohamed Gabr
Chairperson
Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
Geneva

3. Ms. Yanghee Lee
Chairperson
Committee on the Rights of the Child
Geneva



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maternal, newborn and child health
through active partnership

In reply please
refer to: C6-370-21(D)

His Excellency
Mr Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York, NY 10017
USA

7 October 2010

Dear Mr Secretary-General,

RE: Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health & PMNCH Forum of Partners

On behalf of the leadership of The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health and our more than 350 partners, please accept our most heartfelt congratulations on the launch of the Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health and the unprecedented level of commitments announced last month. For everyone who has dedicated his/her professional life to women's, newborn and child health issues, the launch of the Global Strategy is one of the major accomplishments of the MDG Summit.

The Partnership has been honoured to play a central role in the development of the Strategy and in the facilitation of the consultation process. We thank you for your vision in bringing us into the process at an early stage with the objective of reaching out to the multiple constituencies we embrace under our membership, including UN and multilateral agencies; donors and foundations; non-governmental organizations; academia, research and training institutions, and health-care professional associations.

As we move now to the next steps, we hope to continue working with the array of leaders and different constituencies that have already been a part of this effort, as well as with new partners. As you mentioned in your remarks at the launch, we need a broad partnership to bring the global strategy to life, we must scale up our efforts, and we all have a role to play. With that in mind, The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health will hold a Forum of Partners, co-hosted by the Indian Government in New Delhi, on 13 & 14 November. The Forum, entitled *From Pledges to Action* will be the critical next step to the recently launched Global Strategy, as we bring partners from all constituencies involved in the development of the Strategy to design the basis for the work which will translate the existing and future pledges to MNCH into action at the country level.

As the leader of the Global Strategy efforts, we very much hope you will accept to participate in the opening session of the Forum (on Saturday, 13 November 2010, in New Delhi, India), as we turn our attention to ensure that there is concrete follow-up to the New York launch event, with more commitments and with a plan to translate these into sustained efforts on the ground, towards the improvement of lives of women and children.

The aspects of scaling up of efforts and accountability will also be crucial in the programme, captured in the main themes of the event: Voices and Accountability; Innovation for Scaling Up; and Engaging All Actors.

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The PMNCH Forum will be open by her Excellency the President of India, and we expect a large number of high-level participants, including Ministers of Health and Development from over 20 countries. The Prime Minister, Dr Manmohan Singh will close the Forum on 14 November.

Thank you again for your leadership. I look forward to your response and participation.

Yours Sincerely,



Julio Frenk

Board Chair
Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health