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Dear Colleague,

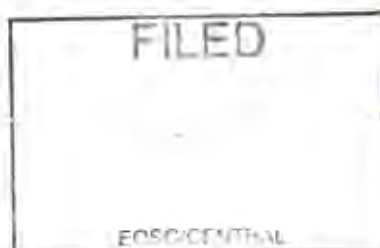
UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, in collaboration with UN Women will organize a high-level Forum on "Investing in adolescent girls to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" in the Trusteeship Council at the United Nations, New York on Friday, 11 March 2016 at 10.00 a.m. It is my honour to extend to you this invitation to participate in this important event.

There are 600 million adolescent girls who have the potential to jumpstart economic growth and spur the innovation needed for a sustainable future. However, this potential is hampered by a lack of fulfillment of their specific needs, and they continue to face challenges that diminish their aspirations for the future. For many adolescent girls especially in developing countries, the mere onset of puberty marks a time of heightened vulnerability - from leaving school, child and forced marriage, early pregnancy, HIV, sexual exploitation, and susceptibility to coercion and violence.

Over the past 20 years, we have witnessed tangible progress: more girls have access to education and are going to school and fewer adolescent girls are having babies, fewer girls are dying during pregnancy and childbirth and skilled birth attendance has increased. These remarkable achievements provide incontrovertible evidence that positive change is possible, affordable and sustainable. But this welcome progress does not tell the whole story, these successes are not being enjoyed equally by everyone. Many still remain among the most excluded, isolated, exploited and discriminated against populations with minimal or no access to basic services, including sexual and reproductive health services, social protection and information.

Addressing the crucial challenge faced by adolescent girls by promoting their welfare and securing their rights will be fundamental for global efforts to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The high-level Forum will provide an opportunity for Member States and other stakeholders to consider ways in which the international community can partner to prioritize investment in adolescent girls and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

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The Forum will be held over the course of one day and consist of an opening plenary, followed by two plenary interactive panels/discussions and a closing plenary. It will bring together the international community, including CSOs, private sector, and other stakeholders to move forward with concrete strategies to address specific needs and challenges faced by adolescent girls. As part of the event, the President of the General Assembly, together with UNFPA will co-host a high-level luncheon panel discussion on investing in adolescent girls to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development which will be held in the West Terrace of the Delegates' Dining Room at 1.00 p.m.

Kindly contact Ms. Renata Cap, Administrative Assistant in the UNFPA Multilateral Affairs Branch at cap@unfpa.org or 212-297-5187 to confirm your participation.

I look forward to your participation at the event.

With kind regards,

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