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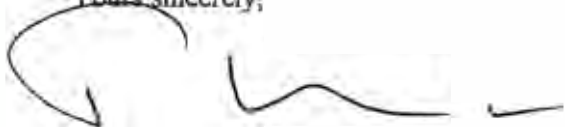
Excellency,

Our three foundations appreciate the central role that UNFPA has played in achieving the Millennium Development Goals and the ICPD Programme of Action. We also strongly endorse the current organizational transformation of the Fund, which we are optimistic will lead to greater efficiency and more responsiveness to the urgent reproductive health needs of women and men around the world.

In recognition of the fact that the changes currently underway at UNFPA will not be fully implemented for another two years and in light of other ongoing initiatives such as results-based planning, we respectfully ask that you extend the term of Ms. Thoraya Obaid until the end of 2010. We have been most impressed by Ms. Obaid's determination to lead UNFPA through these essential but highly difficult changes and believe that the Fund's essential mission will be enhanced if her term were to be extended. We have heard similar concerns expressed by many of the developing country NGOs that we support.

We thank you for your consideration of our request.

Yours sincerely,



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