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Dear End Violence Board Members,

It was good to see you all in our virtual Board meeting on 27 May 2020. Thank you for the productive discussions at an important time for the End Violence Partnership.

I am pleased to share with you the draft minutes of the Board meeting.

Should you have any questions or comments on the minutes, please send them directly to ace.aceron@end-violence.org.

Yours sincerely,

Henrietta H. Fore
Board Chair

Cc: Daniela Ligiero, Executive Committee Chair, End Violence
Howard Taylor, Executive Director, End Violence



GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

DRAFT MINUTES

of the virtual Board Meeting held on 27 May 2020

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

End Violence Board Chair Henrietta H. Fore welcomed Board members to the meeting and acknowledged new members and alternates¹ attending for the first time. She thanked past Board Members² for their organization's efforts in shaping the agenda for ending violence against children.

In her opening, Ms. Fore emphasized the need to maintain the momentum generated by the Partnership and step up collective efforts to keep children safe given the heightened risks and vulnerabilities of children in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. She urged Board members to begin to reimagine and build back better to a post-COVID-19 world for all children. She recognized the efforts of Dr. Howard Taylor (End Violence Executive Director) in preparing an excellent report on the 75th anniversary of the United Nations (UN), which had effectively relayed the Partnership's key messages to the UN Secretary General and to the UN as a whole.

Ms. Fore presented the meeting agenda and invited the Board members to consider:

- priorities and opportunities for the Partnership and Fund to catalyze and support action to keep children safe during COVID-19 and beyond;
- proposed changes to the Partnership's governance that will support greater impact in 2020 and beyond; and
- how best to secure new funding within the updated Resource Mobilization plan, including additional funding to sustain the Secretariat in 2021.

BOARD BUSINESS

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the July 2019 meeting.

¹ H.E. Åsa Lindhagen (Minister for Gender Equality, Sweden); Dr. Tufail Muhammad (President, ISPCAN); Mr. Peter Grove (representing Rev. Dr. Ioan Sauca, acting General Secretary of World Council of Churches); Baroness Liz Sugg (Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Development and Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Girls' Education, United Kingdom); and H.E. Osamu Yamanaka (representing H.E. Motegi Toshimitsu, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Japan)

² Mr. Manuel Bessler (Head of Swiss Humanitarian Aid Unit, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation); H.E. Yohana Yembise (Minister of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection, Indonesia); and H.E. Maryam Monsef (Minister for Women and Gender Equality, Canada)

Commented [SB1]: What is this? ED4 also mentioned it on the call with the EC Chairs and us and I tried to find out from Comms but they did not seem to be aware. Is it the input to the SG's digital cooperation agenda? Maybe I missed something.

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KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE DURING COVID-19 AND BEYOND

Ms. Fore invited Dr. Taylor and Dr. Daniela Ligiero (End Violence Executive Committee Chair, and Executive Director and CEO, Together for Girls) to outline the COVID-19 response of the End Violence Partnership and Fund, as well as the opportunities and priorities for 2020 and 2021.

Dr. Ligiero affirmed that children are living in unprecedented times that have exacerbated the risks they face at home and online. The views and feedback of Board members should guide the Partnership in identifying opportunities and addressing challenges as it responds to keep children safe during COVID-19. She recognized the critical role of the End Violence Secretariat in bringing partners together in a united effort to protect children. She congratulated the Secretariat and all partners involved in the development of the Leaders' Statement and related tools, webinars and resources that connected and increased collaboration of partners in calling for urgent action to address violence against children as part of the broader COVID-19 response.

Dr. Ligiero raised the need to support and invest in accelerators that address the child as a whole and ensure child safety by integrating violence prevention and response across different areas and contexts, such as the home, school and online. Moreover, she highlighted the importance of gender issues as the Partnership moves to "building back better".

Building on Dr. Ligiero's remarks, Dr. Taylor:

- shared emerging evidence of increased risks to children during COVID-19. He cited evidence from UNFPA on the expected rise of cases of gender-based violence worldwide, including violence against girls, to 31 million over six months, and findings from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children which recently reported 4.2 million online child abuse complaints.
- reminded Board members of the impact of the current situation on children and what they experience during this difficult period. He said that the Partnership is maintaining the momentum and collectively leveraging the gains it has made over the years to end violence against children during COVID-19 and beyond.
- updated Board members on achievements under the Partnership's three priority initiatives, including 30 Pathfinding countries, a strategic roadmap for Safe to Learn, and US\$50 million invested in 70 countries for Safe Online. Considering the number of children in Pathfinding countries, Dr. Taylor said that the Partnership and Fund could potentially contribute to and accelerate an end to violence and abuse for more than 500 million children.
- informed Board members that the Partnership and Fund have provided a platform to convene, coordinate and support partners around the world in a range of initiatives since COVID-19 was declared a pandemic in March 2020. These include organizing



high-level political advocacy, developing parenting resources and technical notes, supporting webinars and developing a campaign with the technology industry to help keep children safe.

- elaborated on the Partnership’s plan to build back better and explained the role of the Partnership as a platform, the Fund as flexible funding vehicle and the Secretariat as connector, convener and facilitator of collective advocacy and actions. These functions will support a geographical lens in strategically and coherently engaging partners in the field; ending violence in and through schools; making online safe for children; INSPIRE accelerators; multi-outcome interventions; and new collaborations. Moreover, he emphasized that these approaches will above all incorporate a child-centric approach and children’s lived experience.

Ms. Fore thanked Dr. Ligiero and Dr. Taylor for their presentations, and invited Board members to input.

In discussion, Board members:

- noted the increased risks and vulnerabilities of children during COVID-19 and the critical role of the Partnership as a platform for leaders to collectively address the issue;
- congratulated the Secretariat for its efforts in convening partners during COVID-19 and expressed their continued interest in and commitment to the Partnership;
- called for the continued implementation of the seven INSPIRE strategies. Board members are welcome to join the virtual launch of WHO’s Global Status Report on Violence Prevention in June which will serve as an opportunity to strengthen solidarity and expand support to INSPIRE;
- urged that ending violence against children should be integrated in (1) the overall COVID-19 response and advocacy in education, health, social protection and other sectors, and in (2) national action plans of Pathfinding countries;
- requested a quarterly progress report on the Partnership’s COVID-19 response, documenting children’s experiences and real-world support, progress in Pathfinding countries and Safe to Learn commitments;
- called on fellow members to play a role in advocating for the prioritization of child protection in different global platforms and agency-specific plans;
- raised concerns on the primary and secondary effects of COVID-19 on all children, especially the most vulnerable and marginalized;



- highlighted the role of CSOs and faith-based groups as key players in responding to pre-existing challenges that are heightened by COVID-19;
- recommended raising the visibility and strengthening communication with children and young people through platforms such as press conferences for children;
- emphasized the need for sustainable, strategic and long-term actions that would ensure child safety for a lifetime;
- recognized the Spotlight Initiative as an entry point to address gender issues related to COVID-19, such as the enormous increase of violence against girls; situation of children and women experiencing violence; girls without access to online learning; and parental roles of men in ending violence against children;
- promoted that multilateralism and global institutions are paramount in keeping children safe during COVID-19;
- expressed continued support in organizing joint and parallel activities, such as webinars, workshops and knowledge platforms;
- recognized the learning and sharing of best practices in Pathfinder countries in protecting children during COVID-19, such as through mobilizing local networks, community participation, information dissemination, and providing subsidies and financial assistance to affected families;
- proposed to broaden the constituencies of the Partnership to include technology industries while recognizing associated risks and responsibilities of these industries in making online safe for children;
- underlined the need for a continuum between online and offline violence; and
- called for a bottom-up approach and stronger strategic positioning at the country level, and ensuring that partners act not in parallel but inside the global partnership.

Ms. Fore, Dr. Ligiero and Dr. Taylor highlighted key points from the Board's discussion and thanked members for their actionable inputs and creative ideas.

PARTNERSHIP GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

Ms. Fore invited Dr. Ligiero and Dr. Taylor to present the proposed changes to the governance of the Partnership and Fund, the financial outlook and resource mobilization plans where Board support was needed.



Dr. Ligiero provided the rationale of the End Violence business model review which aimed to identify and address interrelated issues concerning the Partnership, Fund and the Secretariat. These issues include:

- the unclear relationship between, and positioning of, the Partnership and Fund;
- divergent emphases among partners and governing bodies, and an underutilized Board;
- a desire to streamline, clarify, rationalize and simplify governance bodies;
- insufficient resources and underfunded priorities (most notably Pathfinding);
- operational constraints arising from the hosting arrangements of the Secretariat and Fund (on money-in/money-out, staffing and in other areas); and
- the need to better support current donors and be more attractive to new donors and investors.

Dr. Ligiero acknowledged members of the End Violence Executive Committee, Fund Steering Committee and Secretariat who invested time and effort in the business model review process over the last 10 months. She presented the following business model review recommendations for Board approval:

- fully integrate the Partnership and Fund;
- combine the Executive Committee and Fund Steering Committee into a single decision-making body overseeing flexible Working Groups; and
- refresh and fully utilize the Board.

Dr. Taylor added to Dr. Ligiero's points and said that the business model review did not attempt to structurally resolve all the issues of End Violence but has however become a vehicle to have conversations with different stakeholders including further negotiations with UNICEF as host.

Dr. Taylor moved on to presenting the financial situation of the Fund and the Secretariat. He thanked donors particularly the UK Home Office, UK Department for International Development, Government of Switzerland, Human Dignity Foundation and Oak Foundation for contributions totaling US\$ 24 million to the Fund in 2020. He also showed the Secretariat's financial forecast for 2020 and 2021, which indicates a significant shortfall of over US\$ 3 million for 2021.

Commented [SB3]: Just for the record, these conversations began a year before the BMR started. I began working with ECW in mid-2018 to jointly negotiate with UNICEF on several issues (e.g. return of interest, lowering the 8% fee, and a mechanism to receive private sector income) - several were already in place by the start of 2019.



Dr. Taylor explained that sustainability of a strengthened, streamlined Secretariat will ultimately come through revenue generation. He presented the key components of the Secretariat's resource mobilization plan which involves:

- being selectively opportunistic in pursuing new funding opportunities to protect children during COVID-19 and beyond;
- refreshing the offer to donors to underscore the critical value of the Secretariat as a hub for collective action at the global level;
- building a pipeline of relationships and raising awareness of the Partnership and Fund through communications and media outreach to underscore relevance and value-add;
- exploring the viability of a first-ever End Violence Fund replenishment in the first half of 2021;
- continuing to make the investment case for more donor contributions to the larger end violence against children community; and
- immediately seeking core funding from governing body members and close partners to sustain the Secretariat in 2021.

Ms. Fore reinforced that full and active support from our governing bodies would be essential for the success of End Violence. She thanked the UK as a major donor and invited Baroness Sugg to briefly speak on their contribution.

Baroness Sugg expressed the hope to see diverse donors contributing to End Violence and stressed that it is not sustainable to have one donor such as the UK largely funding the Secretariat's activities. She reiterated the need for regular reporting on progress and results as a compelling way to engage and attract donors.

In response, Ms. Fore called on Board members to pitch in and help the Secretariat mobilize resources. She mentioned UNICEF's US\$ 1 million contribution to the Secretariat and encouraged fellow members to consider similar support. She also informed the Board of her intention to stand down as Board Chair once a suitable successor has been identified, agreed by the Board and onboarded as Chair. She emphasized UNICEF's and her own ongoing strong support for the Partnership and said this was an opportunity to engage more support from new actors and sectors.

Lastly, Ms. Fore called for the formal approval of the business model review recommendations on the Partnership's governance structure.

Board members unanimously approved the proposed changes.



With the approval of the proposed changes, Ms. Fore requested Dr. Taylor to consult Board members for specific recommendations for a new Board Chair and members, and to prepare a detailed transition plan.

AOB AND CLOSE

Ms. Fore advised that the Board meeting previously scheduled for 17 July 2020 will no longer take place.

Ms. Fore thanked Board members, Dr. Ligiero, Dr. Taylor and all participants for their participation.

End Violence Secretariat
May 2020



LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

CHAIR

1. Ms. Henrietta H. Fore, Executive Director, **UNICEF**

GOVERNMENTS

2. H.E. Martha Delgado Peralta, Under Secretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights, **Mexico** (representing H.E. Marcelo Ebrard)
3. H.E. Åsa Lindhagen, Minister for Gender Equality, **Sweden**
4. Baroness Elizabeth Sugg CBE, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Development and Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Girls' Education, **United Kingdom**
5. H.E. Osamu Yamanaka, Deputy Assistant Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, **Japan** (representing H.E. Motegi Toshimitsu)

UN AGENCIES

6. Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, **WHO**
7. Ms. Åsa Regnér, Deputy Executive Director, **UN Women** (representing Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka)

UN EX-OFFICIO

8. Dr. Najat Maalla M'jid, **UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children**
9. Ms. Sharon Riggle, Chief of Analysis and Outreach Unit, **Office of UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict** (representing Ms. Virginia Gamba)

FOUNDATIONS

10. Dr. Joanna Rubinstein, President & CEO, **World Childhood Foundation**



CIVIL SOCIETY AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

11. Ms. Rebeca Rios-Kahn, Director, **Arigatou International** New York (representing Rev. Keishi Miyamoto)
12. Dr. Tufail Muhammad, President, **ISPCAN**
13. Mr. Peter Prove, Director, Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, **World Council of Churches** (representing Rev. Dr. Ioan Sauca)

PRIVATE SECTOR

14. Ms. Lauren Aste, Executive Vice President & Chief Legal Officer, **Carlson Wagonlit Travel** (representing Mr. Kurt Ekert)
15. Mr. Gary Cohen, Executive Vice President – Global Health, **Becton-Dickinson & Co.**, and President, Becton-Dickinson & Co. Foundation

ACADEMIA AND INDEPENDENT EXPERTS

16. Dr. A.K. Shiva Kumar, **Co-Chair, Know Violence in Childhood**
17. Prof. Savitri Goonesekere, **Professor of Law Emeritus, University of Colombo**

END VIOLENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

18. Dr. Daniela Ligiero, Executive Director and CEO, **Together for Girls**

END VIOLENCE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

19. Dr. Howard Taylor, Executive Director, **Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children**

Regrets

1. Mr. Paulo Pinheiro, Independent Expert



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7. Chrissy Hart, Senior Advisor, Together for Girls
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