

Minister of Health



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UNICEF
Mr. Anthony Lake
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Dear Mr. Lake:

I am writing to convey Canada's interest in becoming a pathfinder country under the *Global Partnership to End Violence against Children*.

As the Minister of Health, I recognize that violence against children is a serious health issue with immediate and long-lasting health and social consequences for children, families, communities, and societies.

Canada is already undertaking important steps to address violence against children, including through the Government of Canada's Family Violence Initiative and its new Strategy to Prevent and Address Gender-Based Violence. These priorities, along with our long-standing commitment to support maternal child health programs for vulnerable families, position us to inspire and contribute to international efforts in this critically important area.

The Public Health Agency of Canada will coordinate the development, implementation, and monitoring of Canada's engagement as a pathfinding country. I will appoint Dr. Siddika Mithani, President of the Public Health Agency of Canada, as the senior focal point to lead Canada's engagement.

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The Government of Canada looks forward to contributing to the Partnership by sharing effective models and lessons learned and to learning from other pathfinding countries and member organizations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ginette Petitpas Taylor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and a stylized "T" at the end.

The Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor

cc.: The Honourable Maryam Monsef, Minister of Status of Women Canada
Dr. Siddika Mithani, President, Public Health Agency of Canada
Mrs. Susan Bissel, Director, Global Partnership to End Violence against Children