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Dear Mr. Lake,

The Global Partnership to End Violence against Children has recently invited the Philippines to join their efforts as a "Pathfinder Country" to lead efforts towards reaching the SDG targets on violence prevention.

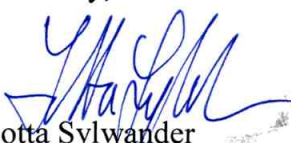
The Philippine Government with support from UNICEF Philippines has recently completed the first National Baseline Survey on Violence Against Children. The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Council for the Welfare of Children Government will take a leadership role in the formulation of a multi-sectoral Violence Against Children response plan.

As we are currently developing our follow up plans following implementation of the first ever National baseline Survey on VAC, we were thrilled to have this opportunity to be part of the Global Partnership.

Through guidance from the team at the Global Partnership in New York, we held a meeting with DSWD Secretary Corazon Juliano-Soliman in January to discuss the "Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children and Adolescents", and the Philippine Government's willingness and interest to commit to being a Pathfinder country. Secretary Soliman expressed strong support and enthusiasm for this opportunity, and agreed to express this commitment in the attached letter.

At this time we would like to forward the letter from the Philippine Government with their expression of commitment and interest to be part of this global initiative, and to join the pathfinder countries as part of the Global Partnership to End Violence.

Sincerely,


Lotta Sylwander
Representative

cc: Ms. Susan Bissell, Director,a.i., Global Partnership-Ending VAC

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