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பெண்கள் மற்றும் சிறுவர் விவகார அமைச்சர் MINISTER OF WOMEN'S AND CHILD AFFAIRS

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I am very happy and encouraged to inform you that Sri Lanka would like to be one of the pathfinder countries in the Global Partnership to End violence against Children.

The Government of Sri Lanka is very much dedicated to the cause of ending violence against children and we have gained the highest score in child friendliness index among the South Asian Region according to the South Asian Report on the Child Friendliness in 2013. The Government's efforts to end violence against children continues and there are laws, policies, programmes and action plans to work on the subject and different agencies have been established with the responsibilities of child protection. Considerable amount of finance assistance have also been provided to those institutions.

Therefore, we hope that the international dialogue at the highest level and the opportunity of sharing experience with other pathfinder countries will support Sri Lanka in making further progress in ending violence against children.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my highest regards and I am looking forward to working with you on this matter of global significance.

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