



**Ministry of Health and Social Affairs
Sweden**

State Secretary

UNICEF
Executive Director Mr Anthony Lake
United Nations Children's Fund
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Dear Mr Lake,

I am delighted to inform you that Sweden wishes to become one of the pathfinder countries in the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children.

The Swedish Government is firmly dedicated to the cause of ending violence against children and we are very much looking forward to contributing to the Partnership and sharing our experiences in this field with countries and other stakeholders.

As you are well aware, Sweden has long been working to promote the prohibition of corporal punishment of children globally. We hope that the international dialogue at the highest political level will progress, and consider the Global Partnership an important forum to advance discussions.

To follow up on the very good telephone meeting I had last week with UNICEF Deputy Executive Director Geeta Rao Gupta and Susan Bissell, Director a.i. of the Global Child Protection Partnership, I would like to take this opportunity to kindly request a meeting with Dr Bissell when she visits Stockholm at the end of November.

Regarding the We PROTECT summit in Abu Dhabi next week, I am sorry to inform you that I will not be able to attend. However, Dr Henrik Ingrids, Head of Section at the Unit for Coordination on the Rights of the Child, will be representing the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs at this important event.

Yours sincerely,


Pernilla Baralt