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Attention: Dr. Susan Bissell

SUBJECT: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO BE A PATHFINDER COUNTRY UNDER THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

Please be advised that the Government of Zimbabwe has expressed interest in becoming a member of the pathfinder countries in the Global Partnership to End Violence against Children. The government of Zimbabwe has borne its commitment towards child protection through the following strategies:

- Implementation of the existing National Action Plan for Orphans and Vulnerable Children III.
- ➤ Participation in the 2017 Global Pathfinder Meeting held in Bangkok, Thailand.
- Crafting of a draft national strategy on the INSPIRE plan.

The Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare has played the coordinating role in the implementation of the above mentioned national programmes and activities.

Whilst the government of Zimbabwe has taken steps in eradicating violence towards children at a national level, granting of pathfinder status will capacitate Zimbabwe in becoming a torch bearer in protection and safeguarding of the rights of children globally. Zimbabwe will benefit a lot from the technical guidance and other resources which will be availed through the Global Partnership.

The Zimbabwean government is looking forward to a productive collaboration in ending violence against children.

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