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Global Partnership to End Violence against Children

Director Dr. Susan Bissell
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Subject : Expression of Interest to be a Pathfinder Countries in the Global Partnership to End Violence Againsts Children

Dear Mr. Lake and Dr. Bissell,

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

I am hereby reiterating the commitment I shared at the side event during the launching of the Sustainable Development Goals in New York in September 2015, that the Government of Indonesia makes the elimination of violence against children a development priority. It is firmly stated in our National Mid-Term Development Plan 2015-2019. To further operationalize the priority, the Coordinating Ministry of Human Development and Culture has adopted an evidence-based National Strategy to Eliminate Violence in Childhood 2016 – 2020. This strategy is based upon a careful review of national literature on violence in childhood, global good practices, and consultations with civil society, multiple ministries and children themselves.

The interventions for budget and planning prioritization in this strategy include :

- Legislation and the implementation of policies that protect children from all forms of violence in all settings
- Changing social norms and cultural practices that accept, justify, or ignore violence in childhood
- Parenting that supports safe and loving relationships between caregivers especially parents) and their parents to prevent violence
- Increasing children's lifeskills and resilience in preventing violence and supporting compulsory education program for children
- Accessible and quality support services for all victims and children at risk
- Improved data and evidence on the situation of violence in childhood, including prevalence, incidence, causes and consequences as well as promising practices to reduce violence.

The Ministry of Women Empowerment and Child Protection led the development of the national strategy and will lead the dissemination, implementation as well as monitoring and evaluation of this inter-sectoral strategy in support of the Coordinating Ministry of Human Development and Culture.

We are expecting that being a pathfinder country, Indonesia will be able to become a "lighthouse" for children's rights and protection around the world. While we have the required strategy, the Government of Indonesia's efforts to eliminate violence in childhood operate in diverse cultural, societal, and geographical environments as well as a unique decentralized government. We are expecting the Global Partnership will support us in our endeavour to eliminate violence in childhood by making available the required technical assistance and other resources.

I am looking forward to a fruitful collaboration to end violence against children.



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