Subject: Pledge of Support to the Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s, and Adolescents’ Health from Eritrea

In 2010, the launch of the Global Strategy for Women’s and Children’s Health by the United Nations Secretary-General was a pivotal moment to accelerate the improvement of the health and well-being of women and children around the world.

Eritrea has achieved remarkable progress on basic health indicators, including significant reductions in maternal and child mortality rates and HIV prevalence, yet further progress is still required, building on the successes and lessons learned to complete the unfinished Millennium Development Goals’ agenda and further pursue our efforts for women, children and adolescents through the Sustainable Development Goals.

Therefore, we, the people and Government of Eritrea, affirm our support to the Global Strategy for Women’s, Children’s and Adolescents’ Health (2016-30) as a global effort to bring all stakeholders together in support of countries’ work to improve women’s, children’s and adolescents’ health and well-being.

We pledge to take the needed sustainable actions to end all preventable deaths of women, children, and adolescents within a generation and ensure their well-being and we hold ourselves accountable for our collective progress towards this goal. We commit to:

a) Achieving universal health coverage;
b) Upgrading human resources capacity, both in quantity, quality and appropriate mix;
c) Ending all forms of malnutrition, and address the nutritional needs of adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating women and children;
d) Achieving universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water and to adequate and equitable sanitation and hygiene;
e) Ensuring all girls and boys complete free, equitable and good quality primary and secondary education;
f) Ensuring that all girls and boys have access to good quality early childhood development;
g) Ensuring universal access to sexual and reproductive health-care services; and
h) Eliminating all harmful practices and all discrimination and violence against women and girls.

We also commit to availing adequate resources through domestic mobilization and enhancing global partnership.

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