The Minister of Foreign Affairs
Seoul, Korea

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H.E. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General
United Nations

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

Excellency,

In 2010, when you launched the Global Strategy for Women’s and Children’s Health, it was a pivotal moment to accelerate the improvement of the health and well-being of women and children around the world.

While the momentum for progress and change for women and children has grown steadily in the Republic of Korea, progress is still required, building on the successes and lessons learned, to complete the unfinished Millennium Development Goals’ agenda and to further pursue our efforts for women, children and adolescents through the Sustainable Development Goals.

Therefore, the Government of the Republic of Korea affirms its 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.

The Korean Government pledges 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 holds itself accountable for the collective progress towards this goal. To this end, my Government will implement the “Better Life for Girls” Initiative in the amount of USD 200 million for the period 2016-2020 to contribute to improving girls’ rights to health, education and profession in developing countries. It will also implement the “Safe Life for All” Initiative in the amount of USD 100 million for the period 2016-2020 to support the Global Health Security Agenda in the areas of immunization, national laboratory system improvement and health security workforce development.

I take this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

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