24th May, 2016

RE: COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT THE GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR WOMEN’S, CHILDREN’S AND ADOLESCENTS HEALTH

Excellency,

In 2010, the launch of the Global Strategy for Women’s and Children’s Health 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 Tanzania, with notable reduction of child mortality from 166 deaths per 1,000 live births in 1990 to 54 deaths per 1,000 live births in 2013, Tanzania has noted slow progress in maternal and newborn mortality.

In this regard, Tanzania has developed, the National Road Map Strategic Plan II, 2016-2020 in order to accelerate progress through building on the successes and lessons learned to address the unfinished Millennium Development Goals’ agenda and further pursue our efforts for women, newborn, children and adolescents through the Sustainable Development Goals.

Therefore, I Ummi Mwalimu (MP), the Minister for Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children of the United Republic of Tanzania 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 adolescent’s health and well-being.

We pledge to take the needed sustainable actions to end all preventable deaths of women, newborns, 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:

a) The Government in collaboration with not for profit organizations, and international organizations commits to continue providing equitable, affordable and quality reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health services

b) To mobilize and allocate resources to implement the costed National Roadmap Strategic Plan to improve Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health 2016-2020

c) To put in place accountability mechanisms to track resources expenditure and performance on Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health.

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