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Mr. Secretary General:

As we celebrate the first anniversary of the Every Woman Every Child movement, we are pleased to renew our commitment to the 2016-2030 Global Strategy for Women's, Children's, and Adolescents' Health.

Over the past decades, the United States has made unprecedented commitments to support countries as they invest in the health of their citizens and address the major health challenges facing women, children, and adolescents around the world. During the course of the Obama Administration, the Department of State and USAID have provided over $68 billion for global health priorities, including $18 billion to accelerate progress toward meeting ambitious targets for ending preventable child and maternal deaths. The U.S. Government has also supported efforts to create an AIDS-free generation and protect communities from infectious diseases.

At USAID, we believe we can achieve more when we join forces with others, and we are committed to working together with governments, multilateral donors, and civil society to promote child, adolescent, and maternal health. Our ongoing commitments to this goal include USAID's $1 billion pledge to the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI) and a contribution of $50 million to the Global Financing Facility (GFF) in support of the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's, and Adolescents' Health. This investment will be targeted to four countries: the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Tanzania. We hope that our funding partnerships will serve as a model to attract additional commitments.

Because we recognize that the health of women, children and adolescents is central to our development efforts, our request for Fiscal Year 2017 includes $2.6 billion to accelerate progress toward ending preventable child and maternal deaths. This funding is contingent on continued strong bipartisan support in Congress for these priorities. We are also working to strengthen the linkages between our programs focused on maternal and child health and those focused on nutrition,
family planning, sanitation and hygiene, and malaria and HIV/AIDS control. We will continue to invest in new technologies, procedures, and approaches to increase the efficiency and sustainability of our efforts.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your personal commitment to this agenda and your steadfast leadership to ensure that the health of women, children, and adolescents remains among the international community's top development priorities.

Sincerely,

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