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***PMNCH Call to Action - Protecting the Progress for Women,
Children and Adolescents during COVID-19***

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Dear Ms. Fogstad,

On behalf of the German government, we commit to rise to the challenge of protecting the health and rights of women, children and adolescents in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We reaffirm our commitment to achieving Universal Health Coverage through improved primary healthcare with a focus on the health and well-being of women, children and adolescents.

- Through our emergency response programme, we have channeled 1.15 billion euros into meeting the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic by reallocating funds from the 2020 budget. In addition, a further 1.55 billion euros for BMZ coronavirus response programmes was committed back in July from a supplementary budget adopted this year. For 2021, an additional 1.55 billion euros is foreseen for BMZ coronavirus response programmes (subject to approval by the German Parliament).
- The German COVID-19 response in 2020 includes 548 million euros directly earmarked for the health sector, including 100 million euros to go to the Gavi Covax AMC to ensure globally fair, equitable and



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transparent access to COVID-19 vaccines. Our response also includes greater support to emergency operations in partner countries, investments in social protection systems and an increased effort to maintain food security.

- Focusing on specific support for the health and rights of women, children and adolescents, we have boosted core funding for UNFPA to 70 million euros in 2020. We have also increased core contributions to UN Women to 14 million euros. In addition, we are, for the first time, supporting the Global Financing Facility (GFF) with 50 million euros in 2020 and 2021, and UNFPA Supplies with 2 million euros. Both GFF and UNFPA play an important role in sustaining health systems with a focus on the needs of women and girls in the context of sexual and reproductive health.
- Within our Initiative on Rights-based Family Planning and Maternal Health, we have increased efforts to counter the effects of COVID-19 in our partner countries. We have also raised our contribution to the International Planned Parenthood Federation to 15 million euros.
- In addition, we are again giving funding to the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women, providing 3 million euros over the next 3 years.

We therefore strongly support the COVID-19 Call to Action of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health. We remain steadfast in our resolve to achieve global goals in advancing sexual and reproductive as well as child and adolescent health and rights, and gender equality.

Yours sincerely,