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**Ministry for Foreign Affairs
Sweden**

Minister for International Development Cooperation

Global Signatories
Global Fund Advocates Network

Dear Global Signatories,

Thank you for your letter regarding Sweden's support for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (the Global Fund). I am replying on behalf of the Prime Minister and the Swedish Government.

First of all, I would like to thank all of you for your strong commitment to global health and to the fight against AIDS, TB and malaria. As you mention, Sweden was one of the founders of the Global Fund and we appreciate the work it does. Since the start, Sweden has been a significant donor and close partner to the Fund, which we intend to remain.

As you might know, the high number of refugees coming to Sweden has unfortunately brought financial constraints and made a reduction in allocations inevitable, including allocations to the ODA budget. In times of pressure we must prioritise and in the multilateral field this has meant focusing particularly on some UN organisations working specifically with SRHR. Several of these organisations have been badly hit by huge financial reductions by many donors.

However, Swedish support for global health remains strong and we are still a major donor to the Global Fund. Sweden ranks 10th among all donors to the Global Fund and 9th among public donors, even after the cut. In the current replenishment period, 2014–2016, Sweden is contributing SEK 2.2 billion to the Global Fund, compared with SEK 2 billion in the previous period. In addition, Sweden is the second largest donor to UNAIDS and the largest donor of core support to UNFPA. In total, Sweden's support to global health amounts to SEK 4 billion per year.

Lastly, I would like to emphasise that we share your commitment to stopping AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria from resurging. We have initiated a constructive dialogue with the Global Fund and we will

continue our joint efforts to put an end to the diseases as global public health threats by 2030.

Thank you for the valuable work all of you are doing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Isabella Lövin', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Isabella Lövin