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H. E. Mr. Georgi Panayotov
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Bulgaria
to the United Nations
New York

Excellency,

I am writing to express my gratitude on behalf of UNICEF for your valuable partnership as co-sponsor of the side event "*Breaking the Cycle of Violence against Girls and Boys: The Role of Parliamentarians*", held on March 16, 2017, at UNICEF House.

I wish to particularly thank *you* for delivering welcoming remarks on behalf of the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the UN, and to the Permanent Mission for organizing the excellent presentation given by Ms. Guenoveva Tisheva and Ms. Diyana Videva, from the Bulgarian Alliance for Protection from GBV. Let me also recognize your colleague, Dr. Asya Tsvetanova, who provided invaluable support during the preparation of the event.

The Government of Bulgaria's partnership contributed greatly to the success of the event which gathered over 120 participants, including representatives of 20 Member States and numerous civil society organizations. The event successfully engaged parliamentarians in an interactive discussion about their role in ending violence against children and fostered a dialogue among governments, parliaments, civil society and the UN on this complex and important topic.

We are encouraged by the huge interest in the event and look forward to our continued close cooperation for the benefit of all children, everywhere.

Sincerely,



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Director
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