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Subject: Development Partner Endorsement of Balochistan Education Sector Plan (BESP)

Dear Ms. Albright,

As you may be aware, the Government of Balochistan province of Pakistan is in the process of preparing a Program Implementation Grant Application to the GPE. In this respect, I am delighted to inform you that the Education Development Partners have appraised the Education Sector Plan for Balochistan and consider it to be credible and ready for support by external actors.

We confirm that the draft appraisal report prepared in 2013 has been shared with the Local Education Group and discussed. Comments from various partners were received and necessary changes have been made in the BESP accordingly. The appraisal report highlights the comprehensive overview of the sector provided by the BESP, the participative nature through which it was prepared, and the policy options presented especially regarding learning outcomes. Although the overall roadmap for quality education in the Province is clear, concerns were also raised for further improvement including data availability, clarity on indicators and priorities, and funding sources.

While there are some remaining challenges and recommendations yet to be implemented and referenced in the attached appraisal report including an M&E framework, the Education Development Partners hereby endorse the plan and support the Government of Pakistan and more specifically the province of Balochistan's Application for a Program Implementation Grant in 2014.

Yours sincerely,

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We, the Education Sector Development Partners, hereby endorse the Balochistan Education Sector Plan, which has been developed in a participatory process to address the education priorities in Balochistan Province of Pakistan. We recommend the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and more specifically the Province of Balochistan, for the GPE implementation grant.

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