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RE: Education Sector Strategic Plan 2016-20

The members of the Education Coordination Group of Zimbabwe, comprising multi-lateral and bilateral donors as well as civil society who are active in the education sector have agreed to endorse the Education Sector Strategic Plan 2016-2020 and Zimbabwe's application to the Global Partnership for Education.

It is important to acknowledge the consultative approach which stood at the basis of developing the sector plan with involvement of all development partners, civil society and a broad range of education stakeholders throughout the process. A strong capacity building component was built into the process, thus strengthening the sector's planning capacity. Overall leadership was provided by the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education.

We strongly support the emphasis on equity and learning outcomes as well as improving efficiencies as reflected in the sector plan and its results framework which are in line with GPE strategic priorities as well as the Sustainable Development Goals.

The members of the Education Coordination Group are particularly appreciative of the application of a three-year rolling approach and move towards alignment of sector goals and targets at national, provincial and district levels. While we agree that particularly the operational plans will still require some refinement and more work will be undertaken to ensure clearer alignment of sector goals and targets, we are confident that this will be completed by 31st November 2016. We acknowledge that the introduction of annual sector performance reviews that adopt a clear reporting framework at district/provincial and national levels is a major initiative which will provide an excellent opportunity to inform the adaptation of the ESSP and its operational plans during implementation. It will also strengthen capacities for strategic planning at sub-national levels which is particularly important as substantial resources for the education sector in Zimbabwe are generated at the sub-national levels.

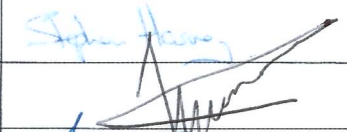
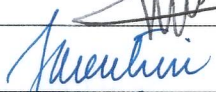
Yours Sincerely,

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