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Le Président

**Excellency,**

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Allow me, first of all, to express my sincere appreciation to Your Excellency as well as H.E Boris Johnson for this remarkable initiative designed to reinforce our commitment to build viable et efficient education systems.

Indeed, in the course of this campaign, we have a huge opportunity to mobilize the resources, the goodwill and the leadership in order to bring the world together and to make sure that every child, particularly girls, get access to education. I am further comforted by the encouraging responses so far and am convinced that thanks to this united spirit of shared responsibility we will succeed in our endeavour.

The coronavirus pandemic has undeniably caused an unprecedented global crisis and our commitment certainly matches the urgency the daunting challenges before us demand. As you are well aware, Mr President, areas such as girls education have been hit the hardest since the pandemic compounded the existing obstacles namely poverty, gender-based violence and child marriage. A special focus is vital in this area, given the scale of the challenges we face.

Excellency, We, Leaders of our respective countries, have a critical role and responsibility to educate and care for our citizens. It is in that spirit that Djibouti has, over the past two decades, implemented several important policy reforms in the education sector. Furthermore, we have elaborated a new Master Plan, which will cover the period from 2020 to 2035. Our vision for the new Djiboutian school consist in providing access to universal, inclusive and quality education to all children living in the Republic of Djibouti, including the children of refugees and migrants.

In this context, Djibouti has, over the years, consistently increased the Education and Vocational Training budget, which today amounts to 24 % of the national budget with more than 40% of resources invested in primary education. These resources, certainly important, remain however insufficient in view of the ambitions and objectives that we have for our education system. That is why, I firmly believe that the launching of this campaign to replenish the Global Partnership for Education for the next five years is vital in order to meet our global education targets.

It is thus, with great pleasure and a deep satisfaction that the Republic of Djibouti endorses the political declaration and call to action on domestic financing for education.

Rest assured, Excellency and Dear Brother, that the Republic of Djibouti will spare no effort in order to make our common vision of ensuring full access to quality education for all a reality.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of my highest consideration.

  
ISMAIL OMAR GUELLEH  


**H.E Uhuru Kenyatta**  
**President of the People's**  
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