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Excellencies,

On behalf of the Global Partnership for Education (GPE), I am pleased to welcome the State of Eritrea as a member of the GPE, following the appraisal and endorsement of the Education Sector Development Plan for 2013-2017 by the members of Eritrea’s Education Sector Working Group.

For countries that have signaled intent to seek funding through the GPE, endorsement of an education sector plan is an important step in the process. With the caveat that this step does not in itself guarantee funding, the Secretariat is happy to confirm the GPE’s commitment to working with the State of Eritrea and its partners to accelerate the country’s progress toward the goal of Education for All.

We understand from the endorsement letter that the Education Sector Development Plan is to be further developed over the coming two years with an implementation plan developed over the next three months. The Secretariat looks forward to supporting the State of Eritrea in achieving these specific goals.

Please accept our warmest congratulations for the achievement of this important milestone. We encourage your team to visit our website at www.globalpartnership.org for updated information about the GPE.
Please do not hesitate to contact the GPE Secretariat’s Country Lead for Eritrea, Ms. Tara O’Connell, for further information. She can be contacted by phone at: (202) 458-5431; by fax at: (202) 522-3923; and via e-mail at: toconnell@globalpartnership.org.

We wish you success in the implementation of the Education Sector Development Plan.

Sincerely yours,

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