Annex 1: Template for Country Commitments

Recognizing the enormous pressures and significant uncertainties facing governments and policymakers at this time, and the need to ensure commitments are credible, the following principles are designed to guide their formulation.

### VOLUME COMMITMENT

**Basis for commitment (%)**

Please select one of the boxes below (click on the box):

- ☐ Education expenditure as a share of total budget (incl. debt servicing)
- ☒ Education expenditure as a share of total budget (excl. debt servicing)
- ☐ Education expenditure as a share of GDP
- ☐ Per capita education expenditure as a share of per capita GDP (by sub-sector)
- ☐ Other % (please specify)

**Description of education budget perimeter**

Please list all line ministries responsible for elements included in the calculation of education expenditures. Ideally this description should identify where in the national budget relevant elements are recorded.

Ministry of Education and all Ministries, Agencies and Commissions Economically classified as Education Sector, Ministry of Health (Training Institution), Ministry of Youth and Sports (Technical Vocational Training Institutions)

**Historical and projected expenditures (%)**

Please include all available historical expenditures (executed budget), as well final projected value for the year in which your commitment ends. Inclusion of intermediate values are encouraged but not required. If your commitment ends before 2025 (the duration of GPE’s new strategic plan) please provide a brief rationale below (eg. alignment of commitment duration with country MTEF).

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OTHER INDICATIVE POLICY COMMITMENTS

Please describe here any significant policy commitments on equity and efficiency on areas of priority for your country. These might include gender, equality, better management of the teacher workforce, improvements in timeliness and accessibility of data for mutual accountability, national recovery stimulus spending targeting education, as well cross sector imperatives, including restoring/expanding school health and nutrition programs to leave no one behind etc. We also encourage commitments to strengthen the working relationship between Ministries of Finance and Education.

Additionally, with support from the GPE and the World Bank, we have for the first time developed and adopted a number of policies and strategies intended to address the problems of equity and efficiency in the sector taken as a whole. These include:

1. National Primary Learning Assessment System (including a policy and an implementation framework) and will commence its rollout across the country early academic year 2021/2022 or September 2021.
2. National School Infrastructure Strategy to commence its implementation beginning October 2021
3. National Strategy for Planning and Managing the Teaching Workforce (under development)
4. Revised Policy on Girl’s Education (at finalization stage)
5. National Gender Action Plan with a goal to aggressively increase girls’ access to education and involvement of females in major sector-programs

OTHER MINISTRIES AND LEG

Please indicate if this commitment was endorsed by other ministries as relevant, including the ministry of finance, and has been shared with the LEG:

1. The Education Committee Chairpersons of both the House of Representative & the Liberian Senate concurred to obtain the 20% as planned. This was done at the JESR gathering of 2021.
2. The Minister of Finance and Development Planning RL. On July 6, 2021
3. This commitment has also been shared with the LEG