Education for All – Fast Track Initiative

Accelerating progress towards quality universal primary education

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Excellencies,

On behalf of the FTI donor partners, I am pleased to inform you that the Education for All – Fast Track Initiative welcomes the Republic of Albania into the FTI Partnership following the successful appraisal and endorsement of your country’s National Education Strategy 2004-2015 by the local donor group. The Republic of Albania joins an expanding group of countries able to access support for their efforts to realize the Millennium Development Goal of universal completion of a quality primary education for all children, girls and boys alike.

The documents received from the Lead Agency Representative (UNICEF) on behalf of Albania’s development partners were circulated to the FTI donor partners. The endorsement of the local donor group was seconded by that of the FTI Partnership. This signals to the donor community at large that your country is making serious efforts to achieve quality primary education for all children.

We recommend that your team visit our website (www.fasttrackinitiative.org) for updated information about the FTI Partnership. Furthermore, the FTI Secretariat is available to facilitate and answer any factual or technical questions that you or the local donor group may have. The contact person in the FTI Secretariat for your country is Kouassi Soman who can be joined by phone at: (202) 473-4713; by fax at: (202) 522-3233; and via e-mail at: ksoman@worldbank.org

I look forward to Albania’s participation in the FTI Partnership Meeting in Cairo next week.

Sincerely,

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