THIRD CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION SEAT
ON THE FTI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Proposal for the Election Process of the Third CSO Seat on the FTI Board of Directors

1. Rationale

As discussed during the December 2008 meetings in Oslo and in accordance with the new governance document, the new FTI Board of Directors will have three civil society organization representatives: two seats are taken by the Global Campaign for Education (GCE) with one representing civil society coalitions from partner countries, and one representing civil society coalitions from donor countries. The third seat will be allocated, at the discretion of the FTI Board of Directors, to another key stakeholder group whose participation contributes to the objectives of the FTI, which could be a representative from a non governmental organization, parliamentarians, a foundation or the private sector. Each serves two years with staggered rotation of GCE members.

In this document we define a ‘civil society organization’ as civil society at large, meaning one of the stakeholders mentioned above.

2. Eligibility Criteria

The process will be open to civil society organizations that are active in the education sector with wide representation at the international and/or country level. The organization should have a strong interest in education with a track record of activities in the field.

3. Election Process

The Steering Committee will be the voting body. The Secretariat will manage and monitor the election process. After a call for expressions of interest, applications will be collected and passed on to the Steering Committee (the ‘long list’). Each SC member will be asked to identify its top three picks, on the basis of which the Secretariat will compose a shortlist of organizations. The shortlist will be circulated to the committee members for a final vote. If consensus cannot be reached, the winner will be determined through a 2/3 majority vote. The winner of this election will serve on the Board. The Secretariat will first notify the winning organization and will then inform the Steering Committee and Partnership.

4. Timetable

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<td>April 19, 2009</td>
<td>Decision regarding election process confirmed during the Steering Committee meeting in Copenhagen</td>
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<td>Launch of the process – Note to CSOs (call for applications) by email and FTI website. Applications will be submitted according to a fixed format (a form explaining the background of the organization, experience in the education sector, and other relevant details).</td>
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sector, motivation to serve on the Board and added value of the specific organization).

- May 15, 2009: Deadline for applications
- May 22, 2009: Submission of applications to the Steering Committee members (the ‘long list’)
- June 05, 2006: SC members send in their ‘top 3’ of long list
- June 10, 2009: Secretariat makes a shortlist of organizations and sends to the Steering Committee
- June 22, 2009: Final selection: individual SC members elect preferred organization
- June 23, 2009: Communication to the selected organization
- June 24, 2009: Dissemination of the result of the election process to SC and Partnership
- July 1, 2009: Membership on the FTI Board of Directors becomes effective