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Honorable Minister Mrs. Jessica Aluppo
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Honorable Minister Mrs. Maria Kiwanuka
Ministry of Finance
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Education for All Fast Track Initiative
Welcome Letter: Uganda

Your Excellencies,

On behalf of the Education for All – Fast Track Initiative (EFA FTI) donor partners, I am pleased to inform you that the EFA FTI welcomes Uganda to the FTI Partnership following the appraisal and endorsement of your country’s Updated Education Sector Strategic Plan 2010-2015 by the Local Education Group, a third revision of the Education Sector Strategic Plan 2003-2015.

For countries such as Uganda that have signaled an intent to seek funding through the Fast Track Initiative, endorsement of an education sector plan is an important step in the process. With the caveat that this step does not itself guarantee funding, the FTI Secretariat is happy to confirm our commitment to work with the Local Education Group and the Government of Uganda for the purpose of helping to accelerate your country’s progress toward the goal of Education for All.

Please accept our warmest congratulations for the achievement of this important milestone. We encourage your team to visit our website (www.educationfasttrack.org) for updated information about the EFA FTI Partnership. The FTI Secretariat is available to answer any further questions. The contact person in the FTI Secretariat for your country is Ms. Tara E. O’Connell who can be contacted by phone at: (202) 473-5431; by fax at: (202) 522-3923; and via e-mail at: toconnell@educationfasttrack.org. In her absence, you may also contact Ms. Sandra Barton, who can be contacted by phone at: (202) 458-2050 and at: sbarton@educationfasttrack.org.
We wish you success in the implementation of the Updated ESSP 2010-2015.

Sincerely,

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