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Dear Ms Bellamy

LETTER OF COMMITMENT

The Federal Ministry of Education, on behalf of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, wishes to express its sincere compliments and appreciation to the Board of Directors of the Global Partnership for Education for its continued support to and partnership in the development of education. As expressed in my letter of 22 October 2012 to Mr. Robert Prouty, the purpose of this letter is to formally request the admission of Nigeria as a member of the Global Partnership for Education.

With your generous assistance, the Nigerian government hereby commits to achieving the Education for All Goals as well as the Millennium Development Goals. In collaboration with International Development Partners, civil society, and other education stakeholders in Nigeria, we propose to implement a comprehensive educational sector intervention in the areas of:

- girls' education and gender equity;
- improved learning outcomes;
- out-of-school children; and
- focus on fragile states.

This program will be implemented in the states of Jigawa, Kano and Katsina, who have developed education sector plans, and are committed to the aforementioned areas of concentration. Our development partners are in the process of working with State Ministry of Education officials in appraising and revising, if necessary, these education sector plans, and designing a comprehensive, detailed proposal for your approval. We are confident that our Local Education Group will meet the deadline of March 4, 2013 for submission of this document.

We look forward to a fruitful and successful collaboration with Nigerian education stakeholders, and sincerely thank the Global Partnership for Education for this opportunity. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please accept the assurances of my highest regards.

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Honourable Minister of Education