Mr. Robert Prouty  
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3 March 2010

Dear Mr Prouty,

RE: Endorsement of the Republic of Ghana’s application to the EFA Fast Track Initiative

The members of the Development Partners group of Republic of Ghana, comprising multi-lateral and bilateral donors who are active in the education sector have agreed to endorse Ghana’s application to the Fast Track Initiative.

The Development Partners are in agreement with the Honourable Minister of Education who emphasizes, through the Education Strategic Plan (ESP) for 2010 – 2020, the continuing need to achieve improved access, equity for all and provision of quality educational opportunities. We also support the ESP’s commitment to improved efficiency, effectiveness and value for money and agree that the financing gaps in the current government spending on the education sector need to be bridged in order to achieve EFA and MDG targets.

The final ESP has been through a lengthy process of consultative development, both within the government and with development partners. The consultation began in June 2009 with the Ministry’s joint sector review of the new 10 year plan that included DPs, civil society, trade unions and leading academics. Enclosed is a copy of the appraisal report of the application, including signatures of all active members of the Development Partners.

Yours sincerely,

Cheryl Anderson  
Mission Director, USAID

Eric Hawthorn  
Country Director, DFID Ghana

Co-chairs of the Development Partners group
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