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15 September 1989

Dear Mr. N'Diaye:

Subject: Consultation of Major Funding Agencies

Preparations for the World Conference on Education for All (Thailand, 5-9 March 1990) are now entering a new phase involving a series of ten consultations at ministerial level in all regions of the world. The Inter-Agency Commission is also organizing a special consultation of representatives of major development funding agencies to be held on Wednesday, 25 October 1989, at the World Bank's European Office in Paris, France. The purpose of the consultation is to enable the international community of development funding agencies to explore ways and means to support the initiatives of countries, acting individually and collectively, to meet the basic learning needs of their populations.

On behalf of the Inter-Agency Commission, I have the honor to invite your organization to participate at a senior level in this meeting. Enclosed is a copy of the provisional agenda and time schedule for the consultation in Paris. The working language will be English.

Also enclosed are two sets of Draft B of the two working documents being prepared for the World Conference -- the World Charter on Education for All and the Framework for Action to Meet Basic Learning Needs -- as well as the background document, Meeting Basic Learning Needs: A New Vision for the 1990s. French, Spanish, and Arabic translations are available upon request. These documents will be revised at the end of the consultation process in December 1989. The revised working documents (Draft C) will then be submitted to the World Conference, in March 1990, for adoption.

Permit me to draw your attention in particular to the Framework's section entitled "Priority Action at World Level" (beginning with paragraph 33) which presents some ideas concerning the ways and means the international community of development and funding agencies can support national and regional initiatives to provide an acceptable quality of basic education for all children, youth and adults. I hope we can reach some agreement at the Paris consultation on these ideas and others you may wish to present.

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The Inter-Agency Commission is collecting summary information about current funding programmes that relate to (or in the future could relate to) basic education. This information may be used in a technical information document for the World Conference. In this connection, I would be grateful if you would have the enclosed data sheet completed and returned to me at an early opportunity.

I very much hope that you will be able to attend or be represented at our consultation in Paris. I would be grateful if you would notify me as soon as possible if you can accept this invitation or not. If so, please communicate to me the name and official designation of the person who will attend.

Yours sincerely,



Wadi D. Haddad
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

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With reference to your telephone conversation with Mr. Haddad today:

- (1) I assume you have now received an information copy from Porjosh in Somalia explaining that the invitation is in Mogadiscio now and the inter-agency collaboration is going well.
- (2) Attached please find all of the Secretariat's correspondence with the African Development Bank. The original letter requesting co-sponsorship had as an attachment an earlier version of the information brief. Please let me know if you need us to fax a copy of the brief in French (the same version you had available at the Regional Task Force Meeting is the latest).

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3 April 1989

Dear Mr. N'Diaye,

I am sure you know that UNDP, UNESCO, UNICEF and the World Bank have launched a worldwide education initiative to promote an international debate for the diagnosis of present problems in meeting basic learning needs of both children and adults, and for exploring realistic means of rapidly expanding the coverage and quality of basic educational services. This will lay the groundwork for a World Conference on Education for All - Meeting Basic Learning Needs, to take place in Thailand 5-9 March 1990. The conference is to bring together world leaders from all countries, international and non-governmental organisations, and eminent scholars, with the aim of forging a global commitment to providing education for all.

The four agencies have established an Interagency Commission to coordinate preparation for the Conference. The Commission Secretariat is hosted by UNICEF in New York.

Enclosed you will find a briefing note which provides initial background information on Conference preparation and objectives. Also attached is an outline for the Basic Document being prepared for the Conference which describes the nature and scope of issues to be considered. After the Secretariat has prepared a first draft of this document, in addition to a charter and a plan of action, we do foresee a wide-ranging consultative process that involves other agencies, government officials and NGOs.

The four sponsoring agencies do not wish to play an exclusive role in preparing for the Conference. It is hoped that other agencies will be involved, both substantially and in providing financial support to the Conference and its preparatory activities.

The Executive Committee of the Interagency Commission has drawn up a framework for the involvement of potential partners in the initiative, which takes the following form:

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Sponsors: UNDP, UNESCO, UNICEF and the World Bank, each of which are contributing at least \$500,000 plus staff and institutional support. They constitute membership of the Executive Committee of the Interagency Commission set up to prepare, promote and organise the Conference.

Co-sponsors: Partners in supporting the general objectives of the Conference; co-sponsors will contribute at least \$250,000 in direct budgetary support, and may fund additional studies or specified activities.

(equivalent to at least \$100,000)

Associate sponsors: Support directly (parallel financing) specific activities derived from the Commission's work programme, and in coordination with the Secretariat.

Both co-sponsors and associate sponsors will be:

- consulted methodically in this preparatory year during preparation of documents, studies and other activities;
- represented on the Steering Group;
- listed on all official stationery and promotional materials;
- recognised as such in the Conference.

We would like to see all the international organisations and bilateral donors that are involved in the support of basic learning and skill development activities join this initiative to make it global, not only in terms of participation, but also in terms of diversified perspectives and experiences. I do hope that your own organisation will consider participating in this initiative as a co-sponsor or as an associate sponsor.

I look forward to hearing from you. Meanwhile, if you need any further information, please call or fax.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

W D Haddad

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