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Dear Dr Valentina Baltag,

It is with pleasure and satisfaction that we took notice of the recently available final report of the expert/meetings held on 6, 7 and 8 February 2012 in Geneva. The joint efforts have led to global consensus on a package of promotive, preventive and curative health interventions and the development of a roadmap for common further action.

This letter serves to express our commitment to work with you in supporting the implementation of this package by the regional and national responsible authorities.

Your proposal for regional and country level activities on the implementation of activities as reported in the WHO-report on preconception care with the inclusion of demonstration projects gives a good direction and content of the way to go.

We have met with WHO-regional officers in Copenhagen and Delhi. More visits are scheduled aiming to see how we can facilitate, promote and support the joint actions.

Projects in Surinam and The Gambia have started. We are sensitizing and mobilising our regional and national constituents as well the consortium members, as the service clubs, as the patient/community organisations.

As The Netherlands are asked to drive the Pfl-machinery we are pleased to report the good communication with and the support from the Ministry of Health (content, models, legislation), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (ambassadors will be briefed) and the Ministry of Trade and Collaborative Development (advise in funding)

We feel confident that our common efforts in the various areas at stage will result in a significant reduction of maternal and child mortality and morbidity.

Sincerely yours



Ysbrand Poortman, chair

