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The Right Honourable Douglas Alexander
Secretary of State for International Development
Department of International Development (DFID)
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Dear Mr. Alexander:

The United States Government appreciates this opportunity to communicate to your Government our views on aid coordination and effectiveness for global health.

The United States welcomes the contribution of the International Health Partnership (IHP), and supports the principles on which it is based, which derive from the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness. We share a strong interest in supporting efforts to build health systems and prevent and treat disease.

Country-level improvements in the aid relationship, particularly better coordination among donors, are significant to the U.S. Government as it implements development assistance for health and saves lives. Consistent with our strong interest in greater aid effectiveness, we will work to coordinate our efforts in support of country-led health strategies on the ground in partner countries. We are already doing so, with positive results, in a number of countries in which both the United States and IHP partners are active.

The U.S. Government is also committed to working with international health agencies and global funds, including those participating in the IHP, to improve further the aid effectiveness of their operations and procedures. This includes implementation of the Paris Declaration principles: ownership, alignment, coordination, results-focus, and mutual accountability.

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We would be pleased for you to share this letter with other IHP partners. Please be assured of our highest consideration.

Cordially,



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