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Dear Honorable Toure,

I am delighted to offer my sincere congratulations on this momentous occasion of the signing ceremony of the Mali Compact. Also, on behalf of the Ministerial Leadership Initiative (MLI), Rosann Wisman the director, our partner organization, Results for Development Institute, led by David de Ferranti, our senior advisory, Dr. Francis Omaswa, and my other colleagues at MLI, congratulate you on this important achievement. I regret that I am unable to join you for this significant event, although I am pleased that our MLI colleague from Senegal, Dr. Ly, is able to represent MLI.

The Compact signifies an extremely important commitment on the part of the Government of Mali and its development partners to improve aid effectiveness and to provide a framework for increasing aid for health. MLI fully supports the commonly agreed upon principles between the development partners and the Government of Mali as outlined in the IHP Compact. I commend you and your colleagues at the Ministry of Health for your leadership and dedication to advancing your sector-wide plan and accelerating the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals. MLI, through the support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, seeks to strengthen the capacity of ministries of health to provide leadership in advancing policy in the areas of health financing for equity, donor harmonization in health, and reproductive health. I am confident that our collaboration with the Ministry of Health will complement and strengthen the priorities laid out in the Compact.

I look forward to our continued work together.

Best Wishes,

Mary Robinson
President
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