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To: Mr. Maharajan Muthu,
Chief of Child Survival and Development Program,
UNICEF Vietnam

Ref.: Joining Children's Environmental Health Collaborative.

Dear Mr. Muthu,

On behalf of the Vietnam Health Environment Management Agency (VIHEMA), Ministry of Health, I would like to thank for your invitation to join Children's Environmental Health Collaborative according to UNICEF Letter VTN/CSDE/2023-111.

I am writing to you to express our interest to join the Children's Environmental Health Collaborative. With this letter I affirm our commitment and appropriate action to protect children's health from the impacts of climate change and environmental pollution based on actual circumstances and our country context.

VIHEMA is a functional department of the Ministry of Health, which is responsible for state management on children's health-related issues, including school health, drowning and injury prevention, environmental health and climate change. Based on roles and responsibilities, we will try with great effort to contribute to the Collaborative in following activities:

1. Contribute research on the specific impacts of climate change and environmental degradation on children's health and sharing guidance, tools and best-practices to protect children from these impacts;
2. Develop and disseminate national policies, strategies, regulations and guidances on children's environmental health, school health, drowning and injury prevention and other issues related to children health protection;
3. Advocate for prioritizing children's environmental health in key international and domestic forums, including through joint co-branded communication and advocacy products, when feasible;
4. Provide technical assistance, expertise and technical resources on children's environmental health;
5. Participate in joint convenings and promote coherent approaches to protecting children environmental health.

We agree to have our Agency logo displayed amongst the list of partners on the Collaborative's website and related brochure which used to children's health protection purposes only, and working with UNICEF to advance children's health, development and well-being.

In addition, we would like to inform you that Dr Le Thai Ha, Deputy Director General of VIHEMA (email: halt.mt@moh.gov.vn; lethaiha.nioeh@gmail.com), and Dr Do Manh Cuong, Vice Head of Division of Environmental Health Management (under VIHEMA) (email: cuongdm.mt@moh.gov.vn) will be designated as our focal points for the Collaborative.

Thank you very much for your close collaboration and support.

Sincerely Yours,

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