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Ms. Maya Vandenant  
Chief Health  
UNICEF, Dhaka, Bangladesh

**Subject: LETTER OF INTENT TO JOIN CHILDREN'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE**

Dear Ms. Vandenant,

On behalf of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Dhaka, Bangladesh, I would like to extend our positive consent to be with the Children's Environmental Health Collaborative. This letter signifies our adherence to protect children from the impacts of climate change and environmental degradation.

As part of our contribution to the Collaborative, we adhere to the following activities:

1. Advocate for prioritizing children's environmental health in key international forums, including through joint co-branded communication and advocacy products, when feasible.
2. Contribute towards 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.
3. Provide technical assistance, expertise and technical resources on children's environmental health.
4. Participate in joint convenings and promote coherent approaches to protecting children environmental health.
5. Develop national policies, strategies, regulations and guidelines on children's health caused due to Climate Change and environmental degradation as well as pollution by heavy metals and toxic substances particularly by Lead Poisoning.
6. Monitor children's environmental health through surveys, testing and assessments where feasible in collaboration with partner support.
7. Enhance capacity of laboratories for testing heavy metals in both health and other sectors coupled with strategic investments in training professionals across the public and private spheres.
8. Strengthen national campaign on awareness building regarding health impact from heavy metals and toxic substance as well as Climate Change and environmental degradation.

We agree to have our logo displayed amongst the list of partners on the Collaborative's website and updated brochure. Furthermore, we look forward to working closely with UNICEF to advance children's health, development and well-being.

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. Fahmida Khanom)  
Additional Secretary  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
Dhaka, Bangladesh.