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Dear Ms. Inojosa

Thank you for your compelling message regarding the criticality of maintaining a strong focus on gender-based violence (GBV) in humanitarian contexts. As you rightly point out, the risks associated with GBV escalate significantly in humanitarian crises. I appreciate the concerns raised by you and the 385 signatories of your letter, who are on the frontlines of addressing GBV in humanitarian crises.

Rest assured I am committed to ensuring that protection and assistance to women and girls including from GBV in crisis situations remain a top priority as we move forward with the humanitarian reset. The evidence you provided underscores the pressing need for a robust and coordinated response that prioritizes the safety and dignity of vulnerable populations including survivors of GBV.

I share your commendation that the work of the GBV Area of Responsibility has been instrumental in elevating the visibility for and quality of GBV response, as well as promoting the leadership of women led organisations.

To this end, when I meet with the IASC Principals on 17 June I will be strongly advocating that we absolutely must protect and sustain the gains made on gender and GBV at this sensitive political moment, when so much is at stake. We must not signal that we are in any way shying away from these critical issues. The same message about the need to continue to champion gender and GBV at country level is one that I will pass on to Humanitarian Coordinators – and this will include ensuring that contextually relevant organizations, including national ones, many of which co-signed the letter - are called upon to take an active role in leading the response.

I have also instructed our Pooled Funds to enable more accessible and localized funding including to Women-Led and Women's Rights organizations, who are instrumental in GBV response, and will be meeting with the Steering Committee of the Call to Action on Protection from GBV to discuss ways to ensure it remains a priority in humanitarian action.

I appreciate your proposal and agree that we must ensure that gender and GBV are key priorities across all the sectors. I am keen to strengthen our collective accountability for PSEA as well as ensuring that GBV has dedicated space and attention.

As we move forward, I count on your commitment and engagement to explore ways to strengthen our collective response and ensure that the voices of people most impacted are heard and prioritized.

Yours sincerely,

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