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Rt Hon Nick Clegg,
Deputy Prime Minister,
Cabinet Office

Rt Hon Andrew Mitchell MP,
Secretary of State for International Development,
Department for International Development

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Dear Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Secretary of State

Re: British Government's commitment to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

On behalf of Bond, the membership body for UK NGOs working in international development, we welcome your Government's commitment to international development and to the successful achievement of the MDGs.

We are writing to highlight the key priorities of UK NGOs for the upcoming UN MDG Review Summit in New York on 20-22 September. This Summit is a critical milestone for the eight MDGs. It is of great concern that the majority of the MDGs are currently off track for success by 2015. We are looking to the UK Government to lead by example and use its position globally to push other countries to act ambitiously on the MDGs.

Over 50 UK NGOs fighting global poverty have agreed a joint NGO statement entitled '**A last chance to keep our promises**'¹ which I enclose. The statement outlines our priorities for the MDG Summit, and asks the UK Government to ensure concrete outcomes at the Summit, including:

- pushing for an ambitious and universal MDGs rescue plan with clear political and financial commitments;
- ensuring that this rescue plan addresses the interlinkages between all eight MDGs by focussing on cross cutting issues such as human rights, gender equality, environmental sustainability, social exclusion and conflict, which underpin the achievement of all the MDGs;
- recognising that while some MDGs need specific attention, all MDGs need to continue to be addressed coherently, with sufficient resources and support by the international community;
- providing political and financial backing to the UN Secretary General's proposed Global Strategy for Women and Children's Health.

We are delighted that we will be able to discuss the Government's key priorities ahead of the UN MDG Review Summit at the public event with Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg and Secretary of State Andrew Mitchell on 15 September in London.

¹ An electronic copy may also be found at: www.bond.org.uk/pages/mdgs-uk-updates.html

We look forward to working together to ensure that the UN MDG Review Summit is a moment of effective commitment and ambition by governments to achieve the MDGs, which will improve the lives of millions of people around the world.

Yours sincerely,



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