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To the Universal DPI Safeguards Secretariat

Subject: UNICEF Commitment to Advance the Universal DPI Safeguards Framework

Dear Representatives of the Universal DPI Safeguards Secretariat,

UNICEF recognizes the transformative potential of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) to accelerate progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals and advance the realization of children's rights, in line with the Global Digital Compact.

As a global advocate for children's rights and a trusted partner to governments in digital transformation, UNICEF is committed to promoting child-centred, safe, inclusive, and rights-based approaches to DPI. We recognize the importance of embedding safeguards throughout the lifecycle of digital public infrastructure to ensure that digital transformation delivers positive outcomes for children and communities while mitigating potential harms.

Through this letter, UNICEF commits to advancing and promoting the principles of the DPI Safeguards Framework across its support to governments, partners, and digital transformation initiatives. In particular, UNICEF will:

- Advocate for the integration of relevant Universal DPI Safeguards principles throughout the design, implementation, governance, and evolution of DPI initiatives.
- Promote child-centred, rights-based, and inclusive approaches to DPI, ensuring that the unique needs, vulnerabilities, and rights of children are considered in digital transformation efforts.
- Support multi-stakeholder engagement, including governments, civil society, development partners, academia, and affected communities, throughout DPI planning and implementation processes.
- Strengthen awareness, capacities, and knowledge sharing on DPI safeguards through technical assistance, guidance, tools, and learning opportunities.

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- Contribute evidence, lessons learned, and country experiences to support continuous improvement and adoption of safeguards across the global DPI ecosystem.
- Contribute to the Action Tracker by positioning country experiences, practical lessons, and emerging good practices on DPI to inform global learning and support wider adoption of safeguards.

UNICEF looks forward to continued collaboration with the Universal DPI Safeguards Secretariat, ODET, UNDP, governments, and partners to advance the responsible adoption of DPI and to ensure that digital transformation delivers meaningful and equitable outcomes *for every child*.

Sincerely,



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