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Dear Mr Chikwanine,

**Recognition of the Solidarité pour la Protection des Droits de l'Enfant (SOPRODE)**

Thank you for your letter and the support expressed for the work of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint (Lead Paint Alliance).

In accordance with the operational framework for the Global Alliance, the **Solidarité pour la Protection des Droits de l'Enfant (SOPRODE)** will be included in a listing of partners and will appear on the website of the Lead Paint Alliance together with a copy of the letter of intent.

The operational framework contains important information pertaining to the status of the Solidarité pour la Protection des Droits de l'Enfant (SOPRODE), as a partner in the work of the Lead Paint Alliance. Of particular importance are matters relating to public communication, especially use of the name "Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint", the name "Lead Paint Alliance", the name, emblem and logo of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the name, emblem and logo of the World Health Organization (WHO). As specified in the operational framework, the express written approval of UNEP and WHO is required before any such use. A copy of the operational framework is attached for your convenience.

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It is noted the following contributions of the **Solidarité pour la Protection des Droits de l'Enfant (SOPRODE)** into the work of the Lead Paint Alliance:

1. Initiating and supporting awareness-raising activities on the health impacts of exposure to lead in paint, particularly among communities and relevant stakeholders;

2. Sharing field-based information, experiences, and lessons learned from the Democratic Republic of the Congo with Lead Paint Alliance partners;

3. Supporting community mobilisation and public information activities aimed at preventing exposure to lead-containing paints;

4. Contributing to advocacy efforts promoting the prevention and progressive elimination of lead-containing paints in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

5. Participating, where relevant, in Lead Paint Alliance activities and lead poisoning prevention initiatives, including the International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week.

We look forward to the active contribution of the **Solidarité pour la Protection des Droits de l'Enfant (SOPRODE)** to the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint and your engagement in the work of this joint UNEP and WHO initiative.

Should you have any questions, please send an email to noleadinpaint@who.int and lead-cadmiumchemicals@un.org.

Yours sincerely,

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