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Your Excellencies,

***Education For All—Fast Track Initiative***

On behalf of the FTI donor partners, I am pleased to inform you that the Education for All – Fast Track Initiative welcomes Bhutan to the FTI Partnership following the successful appraisal and endorsement of your Education Sector Strategy (2002-220) and its 10<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Sector Plan (2008-13) by the local development partners. Bhutan joins an expanding group of countries able to access support for their efforts to realize the Millennium Development Goal of completion of a quality basic education for all children, girls and boys alike.

The documents received from the Coordinating Agencies (UNICEF and World Bank) on behalf of your development partners were circulated to all FTI partners. The endorsement of the Local Donor Group was seconded by that of the FTI Partnership. Comments received during dissemination period were summarized and sent to the Coordinating Agencies for follow up. This signals to the donor community at large that your country is making serious efforts to achieve quality basic education for all children.

We recommend that your team visit our website ([www.educationfasttrack.org](http://www.educationfasttrack.org)) for updated information about the FTI Partnership. Furthermore, the FTI Secretariat is available to facilitate and answer any factual or technical questions that you or the local education group may have. The contact person in the FTI Secretariat for your country is Mr. Kouassi Soman

who can be contacted by phone at: (202) 473-4713; by fax at: (202) 522-3923; and via e-mail at: [ksoman@educationfasttrack.org](mailto:ksoman@educationfasttrack.org).

We wish you success in the implementation of the Education Sector Strategic Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Prouty". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "P" and "T".

Robert Prouty  
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