

Mr. Robert Prouty  
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Dear Mr. Prouty

**RE: Endorsement of the People's Democratic Republic of Lao to the EFA Fast Track Initiative**

The members of the Informal Education Donors Working Group (IEDWG) of Lao PDR, comprising multi-lateral and bilateral donors and International NGOs who are active in the education sector, have agreed to endorse Lao PDR's application to the Fast Track Initiative. Development partners are in agreement with views expressed by the Deputy Prime Minister at the meeting of the National Education Reform Committee on 31st December 2008 that the Education Sector Development Framework (ESDF), on which this application is based, will need to be prioritised and that government spending on the education sector should be increased in order to achieve EFA and MDG targets.

Enclosed is a copy of the appraisal report of the application, including signatures from all active members of the IEDWG. The final ESDF has been through a lengthy process of consultative development, both within government and with development partners and has been formally endorsed by the National Commission for Education Reform, chaired by the Deputy prime Minister of Lao PDR.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Michele Forster  
Ambassador of Australia




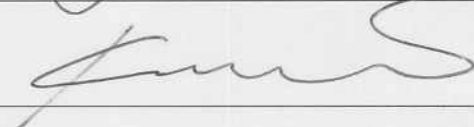



Ms Laila Ismail-Khan  
Representative, UNICEF

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## FINAL APPRAISAL

### 2. Signature by partners who recommend the sector plan for FTI endorsement

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Asian Development Bank (ADB)	
Government of Australia	M. L.L
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SIDA	
UNESCO Bangkok	
UNFPA	Ni NT
UNICEF	Saïe Smail Khem
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World Bank	
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