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To Ms. Mina Barling
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International Planned Parenthood Federation

Cc Ms. Karin Nilsson Chairperson SheDecides

our reference date

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To be quoted in all correspondence

Re: IPPF - Belgian contribution to International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) for the SheDecides Support Unit - BA 14.54.16.35.60.49-2023 - 500.000 EUR - Prisma 4866

Dear Ms. Mina Barling, Dear Ms Karin Nilsson,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the Government of Belgium, through its Federal Public Service of Foreign Affairs - Directorate-General for Development Cooperation (DGD) has foreseen for the period 2023/2024 a contribution of 500.000 EUR to International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) forthe "SheDecides Support Unit" (SDSU)

This contribution is to be used under the Terms and Conditions as stated in the financial contribution agreement attached to this letter.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Royal Decree awarding 500.000 EUR to IPPF for the SheDecides Support Unit.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENI

In execution of the decision taken by the Belgian Government, the following agreement is signed between:

<u>The Donor:</u> The Federal Government of Belgium, represented by the Minister of Development Cooperation, Rue des Petits Carmes 15, PO Box 1000 Brussels, Belgium

And

<u>The Beneficiary:</u> International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) for the SheDecides Support Unit

Article 1

- **1.1.** The donor provides the beneficiary with a grant of 500.000 EUR for the SheDecides Support Unit.
- 1.2. The contribution covers the period 2023-2024. The beneficiary will notify the donor when the project implementation covered by this grant has started on a later date. A no cost extension or a change within the program can be allowed by the donor, provided that a reasonable motivation is given and that the overall objective is maintained. The request and the approval will be produced via an exchange of letters. The letter and the answer will constitute an additional clause to this agreement.

1.3. The project consists of the following activities:

The overall objective of the SheDecides Support Unit is to support Champions, movement members and allies of SheDecides to take action and drive change in line with the SheDecides strategy. SheDecides is a global political movement fighting for a world where every woman, girl and young person - in all their diversity - can decide what to do with their body, life and future.

The specific objectives: are (1) to convene and strengthen the movement and build linkages to important allies; (2) to take joint political action that can effectively demand global - level accountability for advancements towards bodily autonomy and SRHR and (3) to use the collective power and amplified voice to counter opposition and advance support for bodily autonomy and SRHR.

The contribution of the Government of Belgium will cover the wide range of the SheDecides Support Unit's activities.

Further information on the activities of SDSU is provided in the attached strategy, proposal and budget, which form an integral part of this agreement.

Article 2

2.1. The grant shall be used within the limits of the following estimated budget:500.000 EUR.

Article 3

3.1. The contribution will be transferred in 2 Installments to the following account:



GB74BARC20658286717100. The first installment of 250.000 EUR will be paid after the receipt of the request for payment. The second Installment of 250.000 EUR will be paid after the receipt of narrative and financial reports.

3.2. An <u>original</u> statement of money owed on an organisation stationery with official header duly dated and signed must be produced by the beneficiary, with reference to this agreement and stating the bank details mentioned in article 3.1., which can be formulated as follows:

"STATEMENT OF MONEY OWED:

The undersigned Karin Nilsson, who represents the SheDecides Support Unit, declares that the Belgian State owes the aforementioned association the amount of 500.000 EUR, as the subsidy granted for the period 2023-2024. This amount can be paid into account GB74BARC20658286717100 (BIC: BARCGB22) of the bank Barclays Bank PLC.

- **3.3.** An annual financial and a narrative report will need to be submitted by the SheDecides Support Unit.
- **3.4.** The donors of the SheDecides Support Unit subscribed to the concept of pooled funding without earmarking. The contribution of Belgium will be co-mingled with other contributions to SDSU and it will not be separately administered.

As foreseen in the Memorandum of Understanding between IPPF and the SDSU, IPPF shall provide financial statements with check and balance. The SDSU is responsible for preparing narrative progress reports and audited financial reports to its donors and the Guiding Group of SheDecides.

3.5. The contribution shall only be used for any planned activities under the 'SheDecides Support Unit' strategic priorities and the annual costed work plan approved by the SheDecides governance structures.

The contribution shall be administrated as foreseen in the Memorandum of Understanding between IPPF and the SheDecides Support Unit (SDSU) and in accordance with IPPF's financial regulations

Article 4

4.1 Unspent parts of the grant will be reported and must be reimbursed to the Belgian government on the account mentioned in the established entitlements.

Article 5

- **5.1.** If there is any doubt about the interpretation of this agreement, the beneficiary will consult the donor. Each decision will be subject to an exchange of letters.
- **5.2.** Legal conflicts regarding this agreement are subject to the jurisdiction of the Belgian Courts.

Article 6

6.1 The Donor and the beneficiary have a zero tolerance for inaction approach to tackling sexual exploitation and abuse ("SEA")¹and sexual harassment (SH)². This means the beneficiary and its implementing partners will take all reasonable steps to prevent SEA or SH by both its employees and any implementing partner and respond appropriately when reports of SEA or SH arise, in accordance with their regulations, rules, policies and procedures.



6.2 The donor and the beneficiary agree that it is important to take all necessary precautions to avoid corrupt practices. To this end, the beneficiary shall maintain standards of conduct to govern the performance of its staff, including of corrupt practices in connection with the award and administration of contracts, grants, or other benefits, in accordance with their regulations, rules, policies and procedures. Where appropriate and in line with its financial regulations, rules and procedures, the beneficiary will provide as soon as possible information and corrective measures to the Donor relating to any instances of credible allegation of fraud or corruption with regards to the contribution.

Article 7

7.1. All correspondence between the donor and the beneficiary will pass to the following donor agency directly.

The Directorate General for Development Cooperation & Humanitarian Aid - D2.5 Federal Public Service of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation Rue des Petits Carmes 15 1000 Brussels Belgium

Article 8

- **8.1.** The visibility of Belgian development cooperation will be ensured through the inclusion on all written and audiovisual promotional documents (website, invitations, brochures, etc.) of the following indications, in proportion to the importance of the subsidy:
- 1° With the support of Belgian Development Cooperation DGD, Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation" accompanied by the official logo and the website address of Belgian Development Cooperation;
- 2° In case of lack of space, the official logo of the Belgian Development Cooperation.

Article 9

Done in duplicate on

9.1. The present Agreement will be put into application on the date of its official notification by the donor.

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On behalf of the donor		On behalf of the beneficiary
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Caroline Gennez,	Name	Alvaro Bermejo
Minister of Development Cooperation and Major Cities Policy,	Position	Director General
	Organization	International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)

Enclosures: Royal Decree

