15 January 2016

Dear colleagues,

As the IASC Champion on Protection from Sexual Abuse and Exploitation, I write to express my gratitude for your collective support in endorsing the PSEA Statement on 11 December 2015.

The Statement builds upon current standards, including the Statement of Commitment on Eliminating SEA by UN and Non-UN Personnel, and calls upon agencies to take three concrete steps to operationalize our political commitments. Specifically, to: (a) fully implement the Minimum Operating Standards; (b) reinforce the responsibilities on PSEA for the Humanitarian Coordinator role; and (c) strengthen investigation and protection responses to SEA allegations.

Your support, both politically and by pledging the necessary resources to implement these commitments, is critical in order to achieve genuine accountability. I commend you for promulgating this Statement fully within your respective organizations, and ensuring active engagement in the various IASC forums to operationalize these standards.

I look forward to seeing you at the next Principals' meeting, and I would like to express my sincerest appreciation for your continued support on this important issue.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

William Lacy Swing

IASC Principals

Cc: Humanitarian Coordinators