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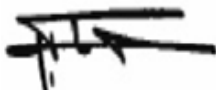
Dear Richard and Co-Chairs,

On behalf of the UN Secretary-General's Independent Accountability Panel for Every Woman, Every Child, Every Adolescent (IAP), we extend our sincere congratulations to the Lancet Commission on your report: *The Global Syndemic of Obesity, Undernutrition, and Climate Change*. We appreciate seeing the reinforcement of everyone's, and, in particular, the governments' and the private sector's responsibility and accountability to effectively tackle obesity, malnutrition and non-communicable diseases to achieve the 2030 agenda more broadly. We fully concur with the recommendations of the Commission, including the call for a binding international convention to promote healthy diets and restrict marketing of unhealthy commodities. We urge global stakeholders to implement these together with actions the IAP called for in its 2018 report, [Private Sector: Who is Accountable?](#).

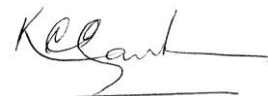
We are also pleased to learn that the Lancet has called 2019: the year for nutrition with a number of papers planned to bring attention to this vital topic.

We look forward to our collaboration in support of women's, children's and adolescents' health to achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Sincerely,



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