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To the institutions and individuals concerned

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Global Alliance against Female Genital Mutilation (GA-FGM): an initiative to support the promotion of gender equality and a culture of peace

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

The Global Alliance against Female Genital Mutilation is a Canadian, French, German and African initiative based in Geneva that was created in 2010 to help put an end to the traditional practice of female genital mutilation through various activities in a spirit of international co-operation.

The Swiss Commission for UNESCO has granted its patronage to a benefit concert in Geneva in aid of GA-FGM in December 2011.

The issue of female genital mutilation is an important aspect of UNESCO's commitment to the promotion of gender equality. UNESCO is one of ten United Nations agencies whose directors signed a declaration in 2008 advocating the elimination of female genital mutilation within one generation.

The co-founders of GA-FGM – Mrs Elisabeth Wilson and Mr Holger Postulat – are actively working to achieve the association's objectives through fund-raising and creating partnerships. We strongly encourage any public or private institution or private individual who Mrs Wilson and Mr Postulat may contact to support this initiative.

We would greatly appreciate your concern and any contribution to this important cause.

Yours sincerely,

Annalisa Beltrami
Deputy-Secretary-General

For further information: www.global-alliance-fgm.org