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The Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and has the honor to inform the latter that the Italian Government has approved a voluntary financial contribution of 2.000,000 (two millions Euros) to finance the Phase III of the UNFPA/UNICEF's initiative entitled "*Elimination of Female Genital Mutilation/cutting: Accelerating Change*" for the year 2020.

This contribution, increased by 11% compared to last year, reflects the longstanding commitment of the Italian Government in the support of the UNFPA/UNICEF's "*Elimination of Female Genital Mutilation/cutting: Accelerating Change*" initiative, on an issue that is a priority for the Italian Development Cooperation.

Italy believes that gender equality and women empowerment catalyze the implementation of the 2030 Agenda with a multiplying effect on the attainment of all the SDGs. In particular, Italy is aware that UNFPA's activity has become increasingly demanding because of the global Covid-19 pandemic.

UNFPA is kindly requested to provide, at its earliest convenience, an official note of acceptance of the above-mentioned contribution, containing the bank account information for the disbursement of the funds.

The Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Population Fund the assurances of its highest consideration.

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