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Subject: Request to be considered as a Partner in the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint

To Whom it May Concern:

The American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (“ABA ROLI”) is a rule of law international development program of the American Bar Association, with a mission to promote justice, economic opportunity, and human dignity through the rule of law. ABA ROLI endorses the goal and objectives of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint (the “Alliance”) and wishes to be considered a Partner in the work of the Alliance.

In August 2017, the American Bar Association House of Delegates adopted a Resolution:

- urging national governments worldwide to adopt laws to phase out the manufacture, import, and sale of lead paint;
- supporting efforts of the international community, governments, industry, and non-governmental organizations to promote the phase-out of lead paint by no later than 2020; and
- urging lawyers, law firms, bar associations, and other professional and nonprofit organizations to support adoption and implementation of laws to phase out and eliminate lead paint through pro bono support, educational initiatives, and other appropriate means.

To implement this Resolution, ABA ROLI would like to support the work of the Alliance by providing technical legal assistance and expertise, including but not limited to:

- organizing and participating in activities as part of Alliance or Alliance partners’ efforts;
- serving as a legal resource for governments, the Alliance, Alliance partners, or other entities in responding to inquiries related to lead paint laws, regulations, or other legal issues;



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- providing in-kind contributions in the form of pro bono legal services to assist countries in drafting lead paint legal prohibitions;
- coordinating with the Alliance and Alliance partners to promote the goals and objectives of the Alliance; and
- providing other expertise or activities that can help reduce exposure to lead in paint.

We understand that this letter of intent is not legally binding and that a copy of this letter requesting to become an Alliance partner and the name of ABA ROLI will be listed on the Lead Paint Alliance web site (www.unep.org/noleadpaint).

Yours sincerely,

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