Dear Microcredit Summit Campaign and fellow partners in the global movement to help 100 million families lift themselves out of severe poverty,

With this letter the Center for Financial Inclusion at Accion states its commitment to take action to help 100 million families lift themselves out of severe poverty – and therewith make a major step forward in ending severe poverty entirely.

Our specific commitment addresses persons with disabilities, who are disproportionately among the very poor and who are also disproportionately excluded from financial services.

We commit to support the movement out of poverty in the following manner:

The Center for Financial Inclusion at Accion will publish a series of disability inclusion tools and trainings, developed with our strategic partners Fundación Paraguaya and Handicap International, for use by MFIs around the world.

Fully customize and then implement the Center for Financial Inclusion at Accion’s Roadmap for Disability Inclusion for the Indian MFI market (tested this year at Fundación Paraguaya) with three MFI partners.

Produce and begin to disseminate a set of customized disability inclusion tools and trainings, derived from information developed with our partners, to mobilize other Indian MFIs to become disability inclusive institutions.

We look forward to presenting the progress we have made to reach these goals to be part of the effort to help 100 million families lift themselves out of severe poverty at the next Partnerships against Poverty Summit. To that end we designate Principal Director for Economic Citizenship & Disability Inclusion as our organizational contact for this effort.

Sincerely,

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This Commitment was presented to and endorsed by the delegates to the 2013 Partnerships against Poverty Summit convened by the Microcredit Summit Campaign in Manila Philippines October 9-11, 2013.