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

With this letter the Technical Secretariat for the Inclusive Management on Disabilities of the Vice presidency of the Republic of Ecuador within the Government of the Republic of Ecuador states its commitment to take specific, measurable, and time-bound action to *help 100 million families lift themselves out of extreme poverty* – and therewith make a major step forward in ending extreme poverty entirely.

We know that this bold goal will require global partnerships that enable organizations to work together in new and innovative ways across a broad range of financial and non-financial sectors to reach goals and benchmarks that could not be obtained working apart. We know too that a goal means little without a concerted effort to honestly and accurately measure progress made towards the goal and therefore we commit to measuring our progress toward our goals through a consistent and reliable system.

The Technical Secretariat for the Inclusive Management on Disabilities of the Vice presidency of the Republic of Ecuador (Secretaría Técnica para la Gestión Inclusiva en Discapacidades de la Vice presidencia de la República del Ecuador) is developing the Productive & Financial Inclusion Model through the Public & Private Alliance.

This model works to support the entrepreneurial projects of persons with disabilities through financial capacity building and training. To date, the Technical Secretariat has supported 268 projects through this model. ***The Technical Secretariat commits to support 500 entrepreneurial projects led by persons with disabilities through the Productive & Financial Inclusion Network by December 31, 2015.***

Furthermore, the Technical Secretariat understands the vital importance of measurement indicators to assess progress in meeting its objectives in serving persons with disabilities. It is currently working with partners to identify and assess the relative strengths of available poverty measurement and other indicators. ***The Technical Secretariat commits to implement a set of measurement indicators, including indicators to assess poverty levels during the second half of 2015.***

We look forward to presenting the progress we have made to reach these benchmarks at the next Microcredit Summit and to then renewing our commitment with new benchmarks for specific, measurable, and time-bound actions to help 100 million families lift themselves out of extreme poverty.

Sincerely,



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