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This is to confirm that All Pakistan Women Association (APWA), an NGO in Special Consultative Status with ECOSOC since 1951, has been designated as a regional coordinator for the United Nations NGO Informal Regional Network (UN-NGO-IRENE) for Pakistan.

The Terms of Reference and criteria for the UN-NGO-IRENE are as follows,

- 1. Networking and exchange of information and experiences among NGOs
- Capacity building and training activities for NGOs in relevant areas such as ICT, project formulation and negotiation skills, leadership and strategic planning within a participatory framework, human security and local development, poverty alleviation, environmental protection as well as education, health, job creation and gender equality to meet the survival needs of populations in a sustained way
- 3. Promoting co-ordination at all levels to generate and help implement concrete partnership initiatives and projects between governments, civil society, the business community and the United Nations.

The cooperation that you may extend to APWA is highly appreciated as this organization is showing leadership in strengthening the NGO sector. APWA commitment to supporting civil society contribution to the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in Pakistan is commendable

Sincerely yours

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