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Dear [REDACTED],

It was such a pleasure to meet you in Brussels this week. I was truly delighted by your commitment and that of the EEAS to advancing children's rights globally. And it was lovely to get to know you a little better over dinner.

On behalf of my colleagues at the Global Alliance for Children, I would like to thank you for your participation at the roundtable on Tuesday, co-hosted by Lumos and Claude Moraes. Particularly given the short notice, we were extremely gratified by the level of participation, which demonstrates a broad and deep commitment within the European Commission and other partners to ending the institutionalisation of children across the world. This commitment should facilitate a shift in priorities and funding from institutions towards early childhood development and inclusive community approaches that protect children from violence and ensure they develop to their full potential.

I very much appreciate the contribution you made. It was so important for all participants to see that this issue is viewed as important in terms of the EU's foreign policy.

We will be in touch shortly with a summary of the outcomes of the event and suggested next steps based on the contributions of participants. In particular, we will write up a draft TOR for the suggested working group.

Lumos, the World Childhood Foundation and USAID, as well as other GAC members, look forward to working further with you to find ways to translate our shared principles and values into practice on the ground that makes real change for millions of children.

I plan to be in Brussels again some time in the next few weeks and hope we will have the opportunity to meet to discuss next steps.

With all best wishes,

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