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**Members of Parliament  
Norway**

**RE: Cutting of the Norwegian Government's Pledge to Global Partnership for Education (GPE).**

On behalf of the Forum for African Women Educationalists (FAWE), I would like to extend to you my most sincere congratulations on your election to the Parliament of Norway. I wish you all the best for this upcoming term, as you seek to ensure that Norway responds to domestic and global challenges and opportunities in the best possible way.

I wanted to draw your attention to an urgent issue that has arisen regarding the Norwegian pledge to GPE.

GPE is a multi-stakeholder partnership and a funding platform dedicated exclusively to education. It aims to strengthen education systems in developing countries efficiently and effectively, in order to dramatically increase the number of children who are in school and to provide quality inclusive education for all. Norway has been a key GPE partner since 2002. Norway's investments in GPE have contributed to securing access for 160 million more children in school in GPE partner countries, doubling the number of girls on the path to equality through education and saving \$6 billion through efficiencies in education spending of partner country governments.

At the GPE Education Summit hosted by President Uhuru Kenyatta and Prime Minister Boris Johnson in July 2021 in London, donors came together to pledge US\$4 billion to the GPE Fund, while developing countries committed up to US\$196 billion in education financing. Norway pledged 3.7 billion Norwegian Krone (NOK) for five-years.

However, we have just learned that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs aims to cut the pledge in half, which is very worrying. This would make Norway one of the first donors to ever go back on their pledge to GPE. A cut of 1.85bn NOK would mean that 2.4 million children in the poorest partner countries world-wide will now be denied a chance to quality education and equal opportunities.

Norway has always been a stable and trustworthy partner.

I appreciate the critical agenda you face as a member of Parliament in Norway. However, the education sector is facing serious challenges, including the ongoing Covid pandemic and numerous humanitarian crises around the globe. We therefore call on you to help us tackle the threats to education and continuous learning, and ask the new Norwegian Government to honor the pledge of NOK3.7 billion.

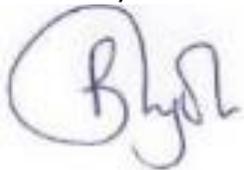
It is vital to have sustained political and financial support of Norway, to achieve our target of raising at least \$5 billion over the next five years to transform education for millions of the world's most vulnerable children

Act now to leave no child behind.

We know that a decisive exchange on the revised budget proposal will be discussed this week Thursday in the Foreign Affairs Committee and GPE leadership would be most grateful to discuss it with you on the phone beforehand. Please let us know if this is possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Muhwezi', enclosed within a circular scribble.

**Martha R.L. Muhwezi**  
**Executive Director, FAWE Africa**