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Response to the Independent Review Panel Feedback of 21 December 2017

Dear Accountable Now Secretariat,

Thank you for the feedback from the Independent Review Panel on our Interim Accountability Report 2016. We are happy that the Panel found that our first interim report demonstrated continued strong institutional commitment to accountability and improvement in some areas.

We are absolutely committed to improving on all areas of weakness.

We have recently published a [statement on child safeguarding and reporting](#), which addresses the Review Panel's questions concerning child safeguarding incidents related to sexual abuse or coercion by staff.

Along with our NGO peers, we are also participating in rapidly-forming sector-wide efforts to develop common standards and systems related to improving safeguarding and incident reporting globally. As a board member of the International Civil Society Centre, we affirmed our commitments to this end in an [announcement released on 26 February 2018](#).

We will address the Review Panel's additional questions in our next accountability report on the year 2017. As already announced in our Interim Accountability Report 2016, we will also make a version of the Annual Corruption Case Reports available for external audiences in a format suitable to such readers. This will be available in the course of 2018.

We want to thank you once again for the Review Panel's much appreciated feedback and express our thanks for the strong collaboration throughout the last year.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer