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Partnership Member appointed a Federal Minister of Health, Nigeria

27 July 2007, Lagos/Geneva -- The President of the International Pediatric Association and an active member of The Partnership, Dr Adenike Grange, has been appointed today the Federal Minister of Health, Nigeria. Dr Grange is an active member of the Country Support Working Group of The Partnership.

Dr Grange has played an important role in developing the integrated national plan for maternal, newborn and child health of Nigeria, a flagship initiative of The Partnership. Nigeria has become the first country to have developed such plan. She has also been a leading member of the Nigerian Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health that unites all partners within the country working together to achieve a better health for MNCH.

"The Partnership community warmly congratulates our Member, Dr Grange in taking up this important duty to safeguard the health of the Nigerian people, women, newborn and children," said Dr Francisco Songane on behalf of the organization, joining 170 members since mid-2007. "Nigeria has been a premier example of the Partnership's work to support "one national plans" in countries to enable integrated and improved care in maternal, newborn and child health."

Dr Adenike Grange leads the International Pediatric Association, an alliance of 144 national, 10 regional pediatric societies, including 11 pediatric specialty societies. She has also been a professor of Paediatrics at the College of Medicine, University of Lagos. She has worked as a child and reproductive health adviser with national and international organizations such as WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA and USA.

"My appointment as the minister of Health will give me the opportunity to drive the programmes for Maternal, Newborn and Child health which have been jointly designed at national and sub-national levels in Nigeria," said Dr Grange on her appointment. "I am grateful that I already have the support of the partnership and other development partners in this important venture. I look forward to our continued collaboration, both locally and globally."