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Dear Professor Bundhit Eua-arporn, Ph.D.,

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of condolence on the recent passing of Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director of UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Dr. Osotimehin was never afraid of a challenge and his strong leadership, even in the face of adversity, helped keep the health and rights of the world's women and girls high on the global agenda. His voice was invaluable over the years in pressing for family planning, women and young people's health, education and empowerment, and action on HIV/AIDS as vital ingredients in human progress.

He will be deeply missed by those of us who worked closely with him, by his colleagues at UNFPA, and by the women, girls and young people he dedicated his life to serving.

We very much hope that Thailand being a pioneering country in the issues Dr. Osotimehin fought so hard for will help keep his legacy alive by continuing to advance the rights and wellbeing of all people of the country, particularly the most vulnerable adolescent girls.

Yours sincerely,

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