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## To: Cervical Cancer Action

We would like join with women groups, social leaders, policy makers, and international organization in their support to cervical cancer action in its global call to stop cervical cancer. Cancer of the cervix is an important cause of morbidity and mortality especially in developing countries. We are concerned that, by the year 2020, 95% of cases are expected to occur in this part of the world, where more than quarter of a million will die from cervical cancer every year.

Condition in Sudan does not differ from other developing countries. Despite the increased prevalence of the disease, few effective programs are available. Most patients still present at an advanced state of disease. The only available treatment is surgery or radiotherapy which is expensive and not accessible to most affected women. The primary approach to the control of the disease is therefore through prevention. Organized cytology screening programs are not feasible in many resource-poor setting, due to lack of infrastructure and demands of other competing health needs.

Considerable attention is now being given to the development of alternative and easy affordable methods. New evidence showed that visual inspection methods and new HPV DNA tests can play an important role in the prevention and control of cervical cancer. Further more, HPV vaccine though appear remote from being used in the developing world due to cost and other social factors, but in reality it's the only effective modality to protect our adolescent girls from this dreadful disease.

The obstetrical and gynecological society of Sudan (OGSSD) is committed to work in partnership with the international community in its effort to combat cervical cancer. We recognize that only a comprehensive prevention strategy that pairs cervical cancer vaccination with screening and treatment programs will reverse the threat of cervical cancer.

We believe and share the vision that access to improve screening programs and treatment, along with future vaccination are important women rights. We therefore share with other committed organization their support and endorsement to cervical cancer action in its great efforts to demonstrate broad-based global support to protect women from cervical cancer worldwide

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