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Letter of Support
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To the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic and the Strategy Development Team,

On behalf of FIGO, I warmly congratulate the Government of the Czech Republic for the development of the "Strategy for the Development of Respectful Care for Mothers and Children During Pregnancy, Childbirth, and the Postpartum Period." This is a historic milestone, being the first comprehensive framework of its kind in the country.

Respectful maternity care is not only a global priority for FIGO and the World Health Organization, but it is also recognized by the United Nations as a fundamental human right. Ensuring that women experience dignified, safe, and compassionate care throughout pregnancy and childbirth is essential to advancing maternal and newborn health, protecting reproductive rights, and strengthening health systems.

This initiative demonstrates national leadership and a commitment to align with international standards and obligations, while also providing healthcare professionals with the clarity and support they need to deliver high-quality care. FIGO strongly supports this strategy and stands ready to collaborate with the Czech Republic in its implementation, sharing expertise and global experience. We are confident that this effort will improve outcomes for mothers and children and serve as a model for other nations.

With respect and congratulations,

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