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Special Parliamentary Committee on GBV Secretariat
Papua New Guinea National Parliament
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Date: 21st June, 2021

Dear Chairman - Special Parliamentary Committee on GBV Secretariat,

SUBJECT: HEALTH SECTOR SUBMISSION TO THE SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE INQUIRY INTO GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV).

I write to advise that, as the Lead Government Agency for health, the National Department of Health (NDOH) is obliged to international commitments and efforts of ending GBV in PNG.

In line with the Papua New Guinea Vision 2020, "Zero Tolerance of any form of Gender based Violence (GBV)", the NDOH in its National Health Plan (NHP) 2011-2020, aligns its effort with those of the Papua New Guinea to prevent and Respond to Gender Based Violence, 2016-2025.

The Health Sector's Submission to the Special Parliamentary Committee' inquiry into Gender – Based Violence provides the committee an insight into the health sectors GBV response, successes, key problem, Limitations and challenges and propose new innovative interventions that will improve, further strengthen coordination, advocacy and partnership to improve Sexual and Gender Based Violence response at all levels.

I am therefore attaching the submission to the secretariat to further deliberate and provide the Political Support from your end.

Thank you

Your Sincerely,

for: **Dr Osborne Liko**
Secretary - National Department of Health

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