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Mr. Jacques Moreillon
 Secretary-General
 World Organization of the Scout Movement
 Rue de Pré-Jérôme 5
 CH-1205 Geneva
 Switzerland

Dear Mr. Moreillon,

Thank you for inviting UNICEF to participate in the Panafrican Youth Forum, "AIDS: a matter of education," that will be held in Dakar from 22 to 26 March 2004.

In this regard, I am pleased to inform you that Ms. Rima Salah, Regional Director for West and Central Africa, will represent UNICEF in this important event. I am glad to hear that young people and various organizations working with UNICEF in Africa will also be participating in the meeting.

UNICEF views the work of the "Big 7" organizations and our other youth partners as essential in achieving the goals set at the United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) declaration on HIV/AIDS. We look forward to working collectively to define concrete ways in which we can collaborate and achieve long-lasting results for young people.

Thank you once again for the invitation. I wish you much success with the preparations of the forum.

Yours sincerely,



Carol Bellamy
 Executive Director