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Office of the Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in the Philippines

Manila, 9 November 2013

Dear Valerie,

I would like to inform you that on 9 November 2013, the Government of the Republic of the Philippines has welcomed international assistance in response to the devastating impact of Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda). To ensure efficient coordination of humanitarian action, the Humanitarian Country Team in the Philippines has confirmed that relevant lead agencies continue to work through the cluster system.

With reference to the letter of 29 September 2009 from Ms. Jacqueline Badcock, previously UN Resident Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator in the Philippines, to Mr. John Holmes, previously Under-Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, I am pleased to validate the following clusters in the Philippines, which have been active in support of the Government since 2009. At the same time, I would like to highlight the change in leadership of the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster, chaired by WFP, and the Protection Cluster, chaired by UNHCR.

Health	WHO
Food Security and Agriculture	WFP/FAO
Logistics	WFP
Emergency Telecommunications	WFP
WASH	UNICEF
Nutrition	UNICEF
Education	UNICEF
Protection	UNHCR

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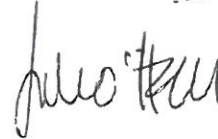
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Emergency Shelter	IFRC
Camp Coordination/Camp Management	IOM
Early Recovery	UNDP
Livelihoods	ILO

I would be grateful if you could inform the Global Cluster Leads of this development, and urge them to make contact with their respective cluster lead agencies on the ground for determining further support needed to implement the IASC Guidelines for cluster coordination.

Yours sincerely,



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