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## **To Whom It May Concern**

I am delighted to recommend the incredible work and activities of Humanitarian Affairs Asia, a work that I have witnessed for the past years as I have participated at several conferences organized by them in Thailand and Malaysia. The capacity of Humanitarian Affairs Asia to convene brilliant minds, inspire young audiences, lead important and relevant conversations, instil a sense of duty and rightness in today's youth, and contribute to building stronger, resilient, and inclusive communities and societies, is like nothing else I have ever encountered in civil society.

I have had the immense honour of serving as a United Nations official with the Department of Global Communications for 14 years. As the Communications Officer responsible for civil society engagement for the Department, I have had the opportunity to attend, participate, speak at, and co-organize many conferences, forums, symposiums, and other events, as part of my official duties. I can say, without a doubt, that no other conference or event has come close to the ones organized by Humanitarian Affairs Asia, in quality of content and participation, as well as professionalism in the organization of the same.

Mr. Kim Solomon as Secretary-General, together with Ms. Janice Leong as Regional Director, and their young associates, have demonstrated to have the vision necessary to successfully gather experts, activists, diplomats, entrepreneurs, and young leaders, and spark conversations where, everyone as peers, build ideas and construct spaces to find solutions together. This is done in the spirit of the United Nations Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and, more recently, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

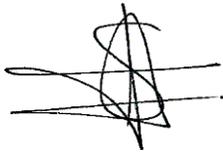
I have witnessed first-hand how young people looking for answers and, oftentimes, motivation and drive, have found the inspiration and tools at the different events organized by Humanitarian Affairs Asia, networked with other participants, and built coalitions and projects to contribute to the betterment of society in their respective countries/regions, finding along the way that "missing piece" they were longing for.

The professionalism of all the associates at Humanitarian Affairs Asia, the quality of the events, the energy and commitment of all participants and speakers, paired with a creative and inspirational leadership by Mr. Solomon and Ms. Leong, is the perfect environment for young people both, as attendees as well as associates and interns, to learn the necessary skills to transform their ideals into real projects and tangible deliverables, building and finding sustainable solutions in the process.

I invite anyone interested in mobilizing, inspiring and facilitating the empowerment of youth and young minds, to learn more about the work and mission of Humanitarian Affairs Asia and collaborate with them. In my experience, partners as dedicated and professional as Humanitarian Affairs Asia, with a solid understanding of youth leadership, mentorship, and capacity building, are key in any effort to drive change and ensure that no one is left behind.

I recommend Humanitarian Affairs Asia without reservation and invite everyone to join in their efforts to strengthen youth by creating a safe, inclusive, and inspiring space for young leaders.

Sincerely,

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