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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We are writing this letter of reference for the Observatory for Children's Rights, at their request.

UNFPA in Albania has worked with the Observatory since early 2015 especially about the 2 year Youth Voice advocacy campaign, a UNFPA regional campaign in the framework of the global Agenda2030 and integration of youth voices in the SDGs.

Given the nature of the campaign, the complexity of the issues, the human rights based approach, the need for a coordinated response to youth issues, and even more so to make nationwide the Youth Voice, UNFPA agreed to support the work of 11 organisations that presented their interest to join the campaign including the Observatory for Children's Rights. As the need for coordination, coordinated response, reporting, coordinated documentation of all efforts of CSOs became more apparent, UNFPA agreed to give this coordination role to Observatory for Children's Rights. The reason for this choice was the mandate of the organization, the capacities of the organization, the support capacities, the strong coordination abilities given that the Observatory has also an office in every district of Albania, its familiarity with UN work and procedures given that the Observatory is also an Implementing Partner of other UN agencies in the country.

In all cases, the Observatory has appeared to be a well-respected organisation, with good contacts and well-established branch offices nationwide, good reach of different age and target groups, especially the most vulnerable and young people. The work carried out by them has been a valuable contribution towards raising awareness among communities and youth groups, as well as tracking and monitoring arising issues and their address by local governments and civil society operating in the field.

Overall the Observatory has consistently demonstrated a very correct and responsible approach in working with UNFPA.



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We wish the Observatory for Children's Rights every success in their future endeavours, and would not hesitate to recommend them as a reliable national NGO partner for other donor supported activities and projects in Albania.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bello', is written over a faint circular stamp.

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