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**Working visit as part of the cooperation between India (CARA) and Belgium (Flemish Central Authority - VCA)**

Dear [REDACTED]

First of all the Flemish Central Authority (VCA) would like to express its sincere compliments to CARA and thanking it for its constructive collaboration.

In recent years, the Flemish Community has undergone a number of reforms in the field of intercountry adoption, involving a thorough reform of the current adoption system in Flanders. At the initiative of the Flemish government, we have subjected all current collaborations to an even more in-depth evaluation in collaboration with international experts such as UNICEF, ISS and CHIP. It emerged that the operation in India is still unclear in some areas, and we want to continue shaping the cooperation through a working visit.

During our visit to India, we aim to provide a detailed explanation of our recent reforms and share an update on our current adoption activities. We believe it would be particularly beneficial to gain a deeper understanding of the entire process through which a child enters the child protection system, as well as the roles and responsibilities of the various stakeholders involved.

Our focus includes key areas of interest identified during our evaluations, such as the integration of adoption practices within the broader care and reception system, the application of the subsidiarity principle for children with special needs, guidance and consent of first parents, financial considerations, the practical steps in the adoption process, and ensuring the right to knowledge of origin and identity.

To gather these insights, we plan to engage with relevant stakeholders involved in both child protection and adoption procedures, including the CWC, DCPU, SARA, and SAA. We also look forward to meeting other important partners such as UNICEF, a district magistrate, social workers

and relevant institutions. We are eager to collaborate with and learn from these experts, as well as any others who can provide valuable information and context.

A second focus of our visit pertains to concerns raised regarding potential irregularities in certain adoption cases. Our former Minister of Welfare, Health, and Family, Mrs. Crevits, initiated a process allowing individuals to report any suspicions of abuse or malpractice in their adoption files to our central authority. To date, we have received over 200 such reports. Among these, there are several related to India. Consequently, we are exploring opportunities to collaborate with potential partners who could assist in investigating these cases.

We value your time and expertise, and we believe that a face-to-face meeting will allow us to discuss the whole process in depth, which will strengthen our cooperation. Our working visit to India is scheduled during the period of 20 until 30 January 2025. [REDACTED] (CA Director), [REDACTED] (CA staff member) and [REDACTED] (CA staff member) will be present. We would very much appreciate it if you and the team of CARA could meet us this week and allow us to get to know the various partners.

Thank you once again for your constructive cooperation. We remain at your disposal for any further questions or interpretations and look forward to hearing from you.

With the highest esteem,

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Director