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cc. Dr. Shekhar Saxena, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, WHO Geneva,  
Dr. Marijan, Head of WHO Country Office in Georgia

**Dear Dr. Servili,**

I am pleased to inform you that the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of Georgia is currently starting several initiatives in order to improve lives of children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), other developmental disorders and their parents.

Under the umbrella of National Program of Inclusive Education, and in close collaboration with UNICEF we have initiated a number of activities on all levels of education to address issues of developmental difficulties and provision of quality early interventions to children and their families. Beside the programs in framework of Inclusive Education, we would like to start collaboration with Autism Speaks together with our partners - Georgia Global Connections, non-profit organization, to raise the public awareness of children with ASD. From Georgia Global Connections we have been informed about the program - WHO Caregiver Skills Training Program for Families of Children with Developmental Disorders or Delays (CST) which represents the missing component in our overall approach.

We would therefore like to ask for your support to start its implementation towards the end of this year or as soon as it is feasible for yours and the team from Autism Speaks. We have already discussed it with our partners mentioned above who would take a lead in the implementation of the CST

program. We have been informed about the step-by-step approach in providing quality and sustainable implementation and are building partnerships to ensure that.

We would very much appreciate receiving your feedback on the possibility to initiate the CST program implementation in country Georgia and are ready to discuss next steps with you. Please be so kind to provide us further information and materials that can help us start all necessary in-country preparations for implementation of this very important activity.

Looking forward to the results of our future co-operation.

Sincerely,

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