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Dear Heather,

I would like to extend my sincere congratulation to you for your successful TEDx Talk on the importance of protecting mental health under the COVID-19 pandemic, and allow me to convey my sincere gratitude for highlighting the great work the United Nations has done in this area.

It is United Nations' commitment to creating a world in which policies are sensitive to people's needs; where every person everywhere has access to quality, stigma-free, and trustworthy mental health and psychosocial support services. The COVID-19 pandemic has taken us all by storm and affected each one of us in one way or the other. For over 1.8 billion young people in the world today, history's largest-ever generation of youth, the disruption has been extraordinary.

Young people want a world in which every young person has someone to turn to for psychosocial support; a world where national policies and investments are sensitive to young people's mental health needs, a world where young people script and deliver the change and solutions they need for their mental wellbeing. As the UN is marking its 75th anniversary at a time of great disruption for the world, we are calling for greater political and financial commitment in mental health, and to take concrete steps to protect young people's mental health on a global level.

I would like to commend you for your incredible efforts in helping to put the urgency of protecting mental health under the spotlight, and I hope by working with partners like you we can build back better after the pandemic, and towards a new normal of sustainability and inclusivity.

Yours sincerely,



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