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Dear Adèle

I refer to our telephonic discussion today. As discussed, the National Progressive Primary health Care Network has been commissioned by the United Nations Children's Education Fund (UNICEF) to conduct a study on youth health and sexuality, the results of which will inform future intervention strategies.

The focus of the study is to gather information from young people about their sexuality and health related issues from their perspective. The study is being conducted throughout the country and involves youth from all race groups, ages 10-20, male and female and covers metropolitan and rural areas.

We have identified young 'commercial sex workers' as one of the target groups to participate in a focus group discussion. Some of the issues that will be covered in the focus group discussion include; knowledge levels about health issues, what are their health concerns, the difficulties they have in keeping themselves safe and healthy, their fears and hopes, what programmes they think should be implemented that they would benefit from.

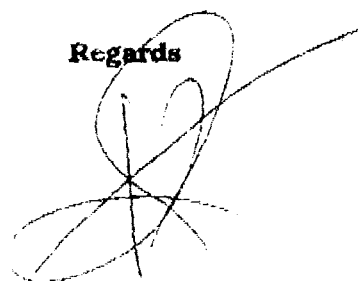
As discussed, all information is strictly confidential and will remain between myself as the facilitator of the discussion and the participants. They must be assured that even the Co-ordinators of The House will not have access to the information or that the information will be used against them in any way. If this happens, I will be breaching the research code of ethics.

As explained the needs of 'commercial sex workers' can be adequately addressed if the participate in exploring the problems and identifying suitable interventions to address their needs and concerns. Only through sharing this information can policy makers understand the needs of 'commercial sex workers' and will be able to develop appropriate programmes to meet their needs.

The discussion should take 3 hours and as indicated I am prepared to do it either on Wednesday (5/7/95) or Thursday (6/7/95) afternoon. If you need a copy of the overall report of the study, it can be made available.

Your co-operation in this regard will be highly appreciated. Please call me to confirm a date and time.

Regards



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