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Dear Dr Luthra,

On behalf of the Director-General, I wish to thank you for your email of 3 March 2023 inviting UNESCO to participate in the virtual side event organized by the Women's Health and Education Center, *'Towards Quality Education & Common Good: A roadmap for transformation of education & health,'* scheduled to take place during the 56<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on Population and Development, from 10 to 14 April 2023 at UN Headquarters in New York.

Let me take this opportunity to congratulate you for this initiative, which will help the international community reaffirm and renew its commitment to the health and education of girls and women. This resonates with UNESCO's efforts to support Member States to develop and implement comprehensive sexuality education, ensure safe, inclusive and health-promoting learning environments, and strengthen education systems to be gender-transformative.

Unfortunately, due to prior commitments that week, we are not in a position to respond favourably to your kind invitation. Wishing you all the best for a successful event, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Stefania Giannini