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To Whom it May Concern:

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

This letter is to testify that the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Kazakhstan has been working with Mr. Alexander Kovalevskiy, (Moscow, Russian Federation) since August 2008.

Specifically, Mr. Kovalevskiy acted as a trainer at the 'Introducing Results-Based Public Management and Budgeting in the Best Interest of Children and Families in Countries in Transition' workshop that was held in Borovoe, Kazakhstan, on 8-12 September 2008.

The goal of the noted workshop was to train public officials (Administration of the President (Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan), Ministries of Economy and Budget Planning, Finances, Labour and Social Protection of the Population, Health, and Education, and local authorities) from Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan on new public planning, management, monitoring and evaluation of government programmes concept; development of strategic plans and transfer to a results-based budgeting (RBB) practice in the best interest to children and families. Mr. Alexander Kovalevskiy was, specifically, focused on the RBB part.

Besides, in September-October 2008 Mr. Kovalevskiy also provided technical expertise (comments and recommendations) on improvement of the draft Budget Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan from the results-based and child-friendliness perspectives.

Mr. Alexander Kovalevskiy has shown a high level of professionalism, a thorough knowledge of issues at hand – especially in the area of results-based budgeting, and the socio-and economic situation in Kazakhstan, excellent analytical and research skills, as well as good skills for brokering and maintaining effective partnerships and networks. UNICEF has been impressed by Mr. Kovalevskiy's eye for detail, his secure working methodology as well as his commitment to deadlines on the whole.

Keeping in mind the above-mentioned reasons, I do not hesitate to provide Mr. Alexander Kovalevskiy with this letter of reference and assure you that Mr. Kovalevskiy could be a valuable asset in any professional and/or academic team.

Should you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at my email address: esialchonak@unicef.org or my colleague, who has been closely working with him, Ms. Faniya Mussayeva, Social Policy Development and Participatory Governance Officer, at: fmussayeva@unicef.org

Yours sincerely,

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