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**Re: Boys Club Network**

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with earnest enthusiasm that I write this letter to express my highest commendation for the work that Walter is doing with the Boys Club Network to engage adolescent boys and young men in gender equality. I have known of BCN for several years and firmly believe that the support, which they provide to at-risk boys, within the age group of 13-19, is critical to their psychosocial development, and also to helping them become men who believe in equal rights for their female counterparts. It is only through programs such as this, can we transform society's toxic notions of masculinities.

For UN Women, working with young men and boys as partners in gender equality is one of the key pillars of our Global Strategy on Youth and Gender Equality. In this regard, I take this opportunity to extend an invitation to the Boys Club Network to present their play, 'Manup!' at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

I greatly applaud the Boys Club Network and look forward to working with them as partners for achieving a ***Planet 5050 by 2030***.

Sincerely,



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To the Assistant Secretary-General/ Deputy Executive Director, UN Women  
Co-chair of the UN Inter-agency Network on Youth Development