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The Permanent Mission of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations at Geneva presents its compliments to the Methodology, Education and Training Section, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, with reference to the Note No. RRDD/DESIB/METS/FM/EP/OU, dated 1/2/2013, regarding the possible focus for the third phase of the World Programme to begin on 1 January 2015, and has the honour to inform the latter that the Ministry of Education and Sport of Lao PDR agrees with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the possible focus for the third phrase of the World Programme in particular:

- 1. the target sector: a professional group, a group of rights holders, and general public.
- 2. focus areas or thematic human rights issues: a specific right, a group of the rights or a global issue of particular importance for protection and promotion of human rights.
 Besides these, the Ministry of Education and Sport of Lao PDR would like to suggest another focus on how can women be empowered as leaders in higher education and technical and

vocational education and thus play a full role in contributing to the structures and system for

high quality higher education and technical and vocational education provision.

The Permanent Mission of the Lao PDR to the United Nations and other International Organizations at Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to the Methodology, Education and Training Section, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 25 April 2013

the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights at <u>Geneval</u> Switzerland FAX.

