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Smt. Sonia Gandhi
Hon'ble Chairperson of UPA & NAC
10, Janpath
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Sub : Request to discuss Conflicts of interests as an Agenda Item at the NAC

Dear Smt Sonia Gandhi,

We are extremely concerned on growing of conflicts of interests in policy development especially in Nutrition and Health. We enclose our "Statement of Concern" regarding 'association' of Government of India officials with the food corporate Nestle, who incidentally is facing criminal proceedings in the Court at Delhi in violation of a National law, The *Infant Milk Substitutes Feeding Bottles, and Infant Foods (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Act 1992, and Amendment Act 2003(IMS Act)*.

We are concerned about the strategy "manipulation by association", which such companies have the history of applying.

We therefore request you to take up this matter as an agenda item in the NAC and develop a mechanism and policy to identify prevent and manage conflicts of interests in public policy on Nutrition and Health.

Enclosed is a 2012 World Health Assembly resolution to which Government of India is committed to.

We hope you will take serious consideration of this matter,

With regards

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