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THE PRIME MINISTER

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I wanted to thank you for the campaigning work you did with Save the Children before yesterday's health event at the UN.

I believe the event was a turning point. As a result of your campaigning six countries including Sierra Leone announced major steps towards free healthcare.

In all, well over 10 million people will gain access to free health care for the first time as a result of yesterday's event.

But it is not just the numbers that are important, it is the change we will see in individuals' lives. The woman who would have given birth alone but now will have a midwife with her. The sick child who would have died from a preventable disease but now will see a doctor.

In the UK we are lucky enough to take free healthcare for granted. I am proud of that. But I will be much prouder when everyone in the world has the same rights that we do.

Your campaign has already made a difference. I look forward to working with you to build on this momentum and make free universal healthcare a reality.

Gordon Brown