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Dear Elizaveta Bozhkova.

On behalf of UN-HABITAT and Dubai Municipality, I would like to inform you that your initiative, Building Safe Cities and Decreasing Violence against Women Requires Women's Participation and Cooperation was selected as a Good Practice. The Technical Advisory Committee met in Dubai, UAE in October 2010 and evaluated a total of 340 practices. Out of the 384 submissions, 100 were deemed Best Practices, 198 Good Practices, and 44 Promising Practices. 42 were Non Qualifiers.

The TAC process was a culmination of 12 months of receiving entries and validation by a network of institutions and partners. All selected practices will be featured on the Best Practices Database. From the 1996 to 2010 approx 4,000 good and best practices from 140 countries have been compiled on the Habitat Best Practices database. Through its global network of partners, Best Practices are analyzed with a view to extracting lessons that others can learn from and incorporate into their own work. The Best Practices Programme and its partners also produce casebooks, engage in the transfers of best practice knowledge and expertise, and often invite good and best practices to be showcased in conferences, seminars and training workshops.

We would like to congratulate you for your initiative and encourage you to submit updates which, if they represent significant changes in terms of impact, partnership and sustainability will be eligible for consideration in future cycles of the Dubai International Award for Best Practices.

Yours sincerely.

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