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Minister Batt O'Keeffe
Department of Education and Science
Marlborough Street, Dublin 1

RE: CONTRIBUTION TO THE GOVERNMENT IN LIGHT OF RYAN REPORT

Dear Minister O'Keeffe

The Sisters of St. Louis have fully participated in all aspects of the process in providing an accurate and transparent Statement of Affairs to the Government, following the publication of the Ryan Report.

In our report of July 2009, we stated that "our hope in participating wholeheartedly in this exercise is to do our part, as Sisters of St Louis, in bringing healing to those who were hurt while in our care."

Having carefully considered our limited resources in terms of financial assets and property as well as our liabilities and commitments for the future, we will make a contribution of €1,000,000 (one million) towards support for former residents who suffered institutional abuse. We will make this contribution in stages over the next year.

In offering this contribution, we are mindful that it is an acknowledgement of our being part of a harsh regime towards children within Irish society, the Church and St. Louis in the past. Our strong preference is that these monies will be used to set up a Trust Fund to support former residents.

Yours sincerely,

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