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Selection Committee

Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

I am writing to express my enthusiasm for the Monitoring & Evaluation Officer position at the Global Partnership for Education Secretariat (Job #: req24325). With over 19 years of comprehensive experience in education development and international relations, I am eager to significantly contribute to GPE's mission of transforming education systems in lower-income countries. My multidisciplinary background, coupled with a history of utilizing data analytics in Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) to enhance program effectiveness and stakeholder engagement, aligns with the competencies outlined for this role.

In my leadership roles at the Europe and Central Asia Comparative Education Society (ECACES) and the Center for International Cooperation in Education Development (CICED), I oversaw key educational programs. This involved applying various Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) methodologies for continuous improvement and strategic alignment. My interactions with government bodies, NGOs, and international organizations honed my skills in multicultural and cross-disciplinary collaborations. This background aligns well with GPE's collaborative ethos and equips me to contribute to the MEL work program.

I hold a Candidate of Sciences degree in Economics from the Russian Academy of National Economy (equivalent to a PhD), specializing in Education, and a Master of Science in Computer Science from the University of Helsinki, with a focus on Data Analytics and Machine Learning. My solid academic foundation, combined with proficiency in English and a working knowledge of French, positions me well to navigate the technical, analytical, and multicultural dimensions inherent in this role.

I am drawn to GPE's commitment to becoming an evidence-based learning partnership, and the key responsibilities listed in the job description resonate with my previous undertakings. Eager to support GPE's mission, I look forward to applying my data analytics expertise to advance GPE's MEL programs and contribute to its learning agenda.

Thank you for considering my application. I am available for an interview at your convenience and eagerly anticipate the opportunity to further explore how my background and skills align with the Secretariat's needs, especially in enhancing the MEL work program and driving evidence-based advancements in global education systems.

Sincerely,

Artem Stepanenko