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For the Caribbean Coalition on: Follow the Healthy Caribbean Coalition

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In the light of the urgent need to lower childhood obesity, the CARICOM Coalition is calling on the following key actors:

1. **Governments**
   - Support the implementation of multisectoral actions aimed at improving nutrition and physical activity levels among children.
   - Make nutrition and physical activity a priority for policy development.
   - Ensure transparency and accountability in the implementation of nutrition and physical activity policies.

2. **Civil Society Organizations**
   - Work with governments to strengthen policies, legislation, and regulations.
   - Support the development of inclusive business models in the food and beverage sector.
   - Advocate for the modification of food systems to support healthy diets.

3. **Businesses**
   - Adopt inclusive business models that complement policies, legislation, and regulations.
   - Avoid entering into contractual arrangements with institutions (especially school settings) that promote unhealthy foods.
   - Promote healthy environments for Caribbean children.

THE HIGH LEVEL COMMITMENT TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM

In the context of the high level commitment to address the problem:

1. **2016 - 2017**
   - CARICOM Heads of Government and State have acknowledged the scale and severity of the problem and the need for an urgent response.

2. **2018 - 2019**
   - CARICOM Heads of Government and State have acknowledged the scale and severity of the problem and the need for an urgent response.

THE CONTEXT

1. **2016**
   - HCC is using the Convention of the Rights of the Child (CRC) definition of child as anyone below the age of eighteen (18) years.

2. **2017**
   - CARICOM Heads of Government and State have acknowledged the scale and severity of the problem and the need for an urgent response.

3. **2018**
   - CARICOM Heads of Government and State have acknowledged the scale and severity of the problem and the need for an urgent response.

4. **2019**
   - CARICOM Heads of Government and State have acknowledged the scale and severity of the problem and the need for an urgent response.

THE KEY ACTIONS ACROSS SECTORS

1. **Policy and Legislation**
   - Strengthen policies, legislation, and regulations.
   - Make nutrition and physical activity a priority for policy development.
   - Ensure transparency and accountability in the implementation of nutrition and physical activity policies.

2. **Business and Industry**
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THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW

We recognize the high and rising levels of the food and beverage sector and the need for urgent action. We call on all sectors to join hands in a collective effort to address childhood obesity and improve the health and nutrition of Caribbean children.