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### SHOOTING OF TEENAGE PEACE ACTIVIST SPARKS OUTRAGE

The USPAK Foundation joins the Government of Pakistan, Pakistani NGO's, and other groups in expressing outrage over the deliberate assassination attempt of a young teenage girl by members of the Taliban.

Malala Yousufzai is a brave, 14 year old girl from Swat, Pakistan. At her young age, Malala dared to speak out advocating the right of women and girls to receive access to education. She is winner of the National Peace Award, and nominee for the International Children's Peace Prize. She is a symbol of peace and courage.

Malala was attacked while riding in a school bus with other children. A Taliban member deliberately shot her in the head and neck. She remains in critical condition. This horrific attack on a child in a school bus is reprehensible. Such a violent act against an innocent voice for peace and education has no place in civilized society. The USPAK Foundation urges the Government of Pakistan and the Pakistan Army to urgently act on their respective declarations of pursuing the attackers and bringing them to justice. The USPAK Foundation anticipates that this cowardly act will galvanize the citizens of Pakistan into taking decisive action against the violence of the Taliban that knows no boundaries.

Prayer vigils have been held for Malala all across Pakistan. U.N. Secretary Ban Ki-Moon, President Obama, Secretary of State Clinton, and other leaders have all expressed their outrage and concern for the young girl. The USPAK Foundation joins her family and well-wishers in praying for her speedy recovery. The Foundation also applauds her courage and her bravery and recognizes Malala's voice to be one of true insight and wisdom.

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