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25 February 2019

Dear Ms MacDonald,

In accordance with exchanges between your entity and the World Health Organization (WHO) last year, the WHO Executive Board reviewed the report of our relations and collaboration at its 144th session in January 2019.

I am pleased to inform you that the WHO Executive Board decided to maintain the International Federation of Health Information Management Associations in official relations with WHO. In making the decision, the Executive Board commended your continuing dedication in supporting the work of WHO. Please find attached a copy of the decision (Document EB144(5)).

I would like to take this opportunity to convey my thanks to IFHIMA for its work with WHO. I invite you to liaise with Dr Robert Jakob, Team Leader, Data Standards and Informatics (jakobr@who.int), who serves as the designated technical officer (DTO) for our relations, to pursue implementation of the agreed plan for collaboration. Kindly note that the Executive Board will review the implementation of that plan in January 2022, according to the triennial schedule for reviews.

Should you have any queries about our official relations, other than technical, please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Partnerships and Non-State Actors at nonstateactors@who.int.

I look forward to the continuing support and collaboration of your entity towards WHO's mission to promote health, keep the world safe and serve the vulnerable.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Gaudenz Silberschmidt
Director,
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ENCL: Decision EB144(5)
cc: DTO and Director of department

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Engagement with non-State actors

The Executive Board, having examined the report on engagement with non-State actors: non-State actors in official relations with WHO, including the review of one third of the non-State actors in official relations with WHO,¹

(1) decided:

(a) to admit into official relations with WHO the following non-State actors: The Albert B. Sabin Vaccine Institute, Inc., The International League of Dermatological Societies, The Royal National Lifeboat Institution, The Task Force for Global Health, United Nations Foundation, Inc., Women Deliver, Inc. and World Federation of Nuclear Medicine and Biology.

(b) to discontinue official relations with the following non-State actors: International Catholic Committee of Nurses and Medico-Social Assistants, International Eye Foundation, International Organization for Standardization and International Union of Microbiological Societies;

(2) noted with appreciation the collaboration with WHO of the 71 non-State actors listed in Annex 2 to document EB144/37, commended their continuing contribution to the work of WHO, and decided to renew them in official relations with WHO;

(3) further noted that plans for collaboration with the following entities have yet to be agreed, and decided to defer the review of relations with Commonwealth Pharmacists Association, CropLife International, Global Health Council and Save the Children until the 146th session of the Board in January 2020, at which time reports should be presented to the Board on the agreed plans for collaboration and on the status of relations.

Fourteenth meeting, 31 January 2019
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¹ Document EB144/37.