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Dear Dr Sanabria,

I wish to refer to the Agreement between the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Committee of Military Medicine (ICMM), signed and approved at the World Health Assembly in 1952, the updated Memorandum of Understanding signed by Director-General Lee (WHO) and Secretary-General Sanabria (ICMM) in 2004, and conversations between Dr van Leusden and WHO Director-General Chan at the recently concluded 2010 World Health Assembly.

I have discussed the official relations between WHO and ICMM with the Office of the Director-General and re-affirm WHO's commitment to our technical collaboration in the area of public health to foster better preparation and response to public health emergencies, in support of the International Health Regulations (2005). Such collaboration will benefit both WHO and ICMM by facilitating the support and participation of military health services in public health interventions, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding of 2004. To that end, we express our full support of the further development of the network and our agreement to continued support to ICMM in establishing and maintaining the network and its ongoing activities.

We wish to reiterate our gratitude for your collaboration,

Yours sincerely,

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cc: Director of International Relations of ICMM, Dr Albert Jan van Leusden