Dear Ms Jeandron,

I have pleasure in informing you that, at its 136th session in January 2015, the WHO Executive Board decided to admit Humatem into official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO). A copy of the relevant resolution is attached.

I am pleased that the Board has made this decision and take this opportunity to convey my hope that it will serve to enhance our collaboration. In this connection, I would like to confirm that Mrs Adriana Velazquez Berumen, Senior Adviser, Policy, Access and Use, will serve as the Designated Technical Officer for our relations and with whom I would encourage you to be in contact for the implementation of the mutually agreed plan for collaboration. From Humatem’s entry in the application for official relations it is understood that you serve as your organization’s focal point.

I would also like to bring to your attention that the WHO Executive Board during its 136th session deliberated WHO’s Framework of engagement with non-State actors, which includes nongovernmental organizations. The Member States will further revise the Framework and submit it to the Sixty-eighth World Health Assembly in May 2015 for its deliberations and decision. Information on that will be provided to all non-State actors once available. The implementation of this Framework would bring some changes to WHO’s relations with non-State actors in official relations. You will be informed about these changes in due course.

Should you have any queries about our formal relations, please feel free to contact Ms Taina Nakari in the Department for Policy and Strategic Directions at civilsociety@who.int.

I look forward to the continuing support and collaboration of your organization in implementing activities to achieve global health goals.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

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Cc: Mrs Velazquez Berumen, HIS/EMP/PAU
    Dr C.De Joncheere, Director EMP
Encl: Resolution
Relations with nongovernmental organizations

The Executive Board,

Having examined the report of its Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations,¹

1. DECIDES to admit into official relations with WHO the following nongovernmental organizations: International Epidemiological Association; Alliance for Health Promotion; Medicines for Malaria Venture; International Society of Audiology; Foundation for Innovative New Diagnostics; World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies; Global Medical Technology Alliance; Humatem; International Organization for Medical Physics; RAD-AID International; Health Technology Assessment international; Global Diagnostic Imaging, Healthcare IT and Radiation Therapy Trade Association; and Tropical Health and Education Trust;

2. FURTHER DECIDES to discontinue official relations with the International Life Sciences Institute.

Fourteenth meeting, 2 February 2015
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¹ Document EB136/40.