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Dear Professor Larijani,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the World Health Organization (WHO) has designated the **Medical Ethics and History of Medicine Research Centre, Tehran University of Medical Sciences** as a **WHO Collaborating Centre for Bioethics**, under WHO's reference number **IRA-59**.

The designation as a WHO collaborating centre will be effective for **a period of four years**, from **3 June 2024** and will automatically end on **3 June 2028**, unless re-designation has been approved by WHO before that date. During the period of designation, either party may revoke the designation at any time by giving three months advance notice in writing.

As previously agreed, you will act as Head of the Centre. Should there be any change in the future, I would be grateful if you kindly inform WHO without delay.

The agreed terms of reference and workplan of the Centre are attached. I wish to emphasize that institutions designated as WHO collaborating centres are expected to implement the agreed workplan in a timely manner and to the highest possible standard of quality. Any issue that may affect the implementation of the agreed workplan should be brought to the attention of the WHO responsible officer, Dr Arshad Altaf, phone number: +202 227 65553 and email altafa@who.int.

I wish to also emphasize that institutions designated as WHO collaborating centres must comply with the *terms and conditions*, which could be accessed at the web link below: https://www.who.int/collaboratingcentres/Terms_and_Conditions_for_WHOCCS.pdf?ua=1. Kindly also note that the WHO name and emblem may only be used by a WHO collaborating centre as described in those terms and conditions.

For information on administrative matters, please visit the WHO website <http://www.who.int/collaboratingcentres/information/en/>.

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Finally, please note that institutions designated as WHO collaborating centres must complete a short online progress report form once a year. On the anniversary of the designation date, details will be sent to the email address of the Head of the Centre specified in the designation form.

I look forward to our successful collaboration.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Hanan Balkhy
Regional Director

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PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. At the request of WHO, to support WHO's work towards building capacities on global health ethics, research ethics, clinical ethics, and public health ethics.
2. At the request of WHO, provide technical input that may inform WHO's work on the development of relevant documents on research ethics, public health ethics, clinical ethics and bioethics governance.