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Dear Dr. Shlyakhto:

On behalf of the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), I wish to express my profound gratitude and appreciation for the courtesies extended to me and to the other members of the PAHO delegation during our recent visit.

I take this opportunity to thank and congratulate you for your leadership at the Almazov National Medical Research Center of St. Petersburg. It was a privilege to visit the Center, observe its current capabilities, and better understand the potential for collaboration.

The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Russian Federation and our Organization provides opportunities for cooperation in health between your country and the Region of the Americas. In this context, the Almazov Center represents an important example of good practices and innovation that may support several clinical and research organizations in the Americas.

Please be assured that PAHO/WHO will continue to strengthen this important relationship. Based on our discussions, we are exploring a variety of opportunities to expand our partnership, including training activities that may strengthen technical expertise.

I also take this opportunity to wish you a happy holiday season and a successful 2018.

Yours sincerely,

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Dr. Carissa F. Etienne
Director