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Dear Professor Bellantone,

I would like to thank you for the valuable contribution made by your institution during its previous period of designation as a WHO collaborating centre. I am pleased to inform you that the World Health Organization has redesignated the Department of Environment and Health, Unit of Environmental and Social Epidemiology, Istituto Superiore di Sanita as the WHO Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health in Contaminated Sites, under WHO's reference number ITA-97.

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

The agreed terms of reference and workplan of the Centre are attached. We 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 Sinaia Netanyahu, email: [netanyahus@who.int](mailto:netanyahus@who.int). Information on administrative matters is available on the WHO website: <http://www.who.int/collaboratingcentres/information/en/>.

We wish to also emphasize that institutions designated as WHO collaborating centres must comply with the attached *Terms and conditions for WHO collaborating centres*. We wish to draw your particular attention to the fact that the WHO name and emblem may only be used by a WHO collaborating centre as described in those terms and conditions.

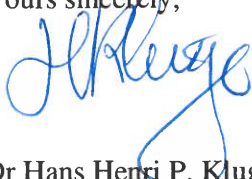
The designation of your institution as a WHO collaborating centre will be effective for a period of four years, from 2 May 2025 and will automatically end on 1 May 2029, unless redesignation has been approved by WHO before that date. During the period of designation, either party may revoke the designation at any time by giving three months advance notice in writing.

Please note that institutions designated as WHO collaborating centres must complete a short progress report via the online 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.

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Again, I would like to express my appreciation for your past contribution and I look forward to our continuing successful collaboration.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge  
Regional Director

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1. Redesignation form which includes the Terms of Reference and Workplan
2. Terms and conditions for WHO collaborating centres

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