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Dear Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus,

I am happy to inform you that India has successfully hosted the Fourth WHO Global Forum on Medical Devices from 13 to 15 December 2018 at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India. This event took place at the Andhra Pradesh Medtech Zone, AMTZ, which is coming up as a hub for making world class facilities for testing and prototype development of medical devices. It is heartening that more than 1000 delegates from different countries participated in the deliberations.

2. The 4<sup>th</sup> Global Forum discussed many aspects related to medical devices. It was highlighted that the processes of registration, procurement, distribution and use of medical devices are distinct from other medical products such as drugs and vaccines. The position on medical devices is particularly challenging as there are well above 5,000 types of medical devices commercially available, which need to be regulated.

3. As you are aware that recently there have been many reports on safety and appropriateness of use of medical devices. The issues must be addressed to ensure safe, quality & affordable medical devices for universal health coverage to achieve the SDG 2030 Goals. One of the outcomes of the 4<sup>th</sup> Global Forum on Medical Devices was a call from all stakeholders that WHO consider forming a Technical Expert or Advisory Group for the purpose.

4. Hence, I suggest that WHO consider forming a Technical Expert or Advisory Group to address the specific nature and requirements for safety, efficacy and appropriate use of medical devices. The Technical Expert / Advisory Group should render guidance to all countries on how best to assess the vast array of medical devices and diagnostics through their life cycle.

5. I hope you will consider the request of all favourably and take necessary steps in this regard.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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