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2 September 2020

Dear Prof. Zentek,

I refer to your communication dated 10 March 2020, to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), whereby the Centre for Veterinary Public Health (Centre VPH) at the Department of Veterinary Medicine of the Freie Universität (FU), Berlin expressed its interest in renewing its designation as a FAO Reference Centre for veterinary public health.

By the exchange of letters between FAO and the Centre for Veterinary Public Health (Centre VPH) at the Department of Veterinary Medicine of the Freie Universität (FU) Berlin, consisting of the letter from the Deputy Director-General (Knowledge) of FAO to the Dean of the Freie Universität of Berlin, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine dated 14 September 2012, and the letter from the Dean of Freie Universität of Berlin, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, to the FAO Deputy Director-General dated 24 September 2012 and received by FAO on 28 September 2012, your Institute was designated as a FAO Reference Centre for veterinary public health for four (4) years, that is, until 27 September 2016. By the same exchange of letters, FAO and the Centre VPH at the Department of Veterinary Medicine of FU Berlin agreed on the terms and conditions applicable to the designation.

This designation was successively renewed for further four (4) years, that is until 27 September 2020, by exchange of letters between FAO and the Centre VPH, consisting of the letter from the Assistant Director-General, Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department of FAO to the Dean of the Department of Veterinary Medicine of FU dated 26 September 2016, and the letter from the Dean of the FU to the FAO Assistant Director-General, Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department, dated 4 October 2016 and received by FAO on the same day. By the same exchange of letters, FAO and the Centre for Veterinary Public Health (Centre VPH) at the Department of Veterinary Medicine of the Freie Universität (FU) agreed on the terms and conditions applicable to the re-designation, as set out in the Annex to the letter of 14 September 2012 mentioned above (hereinafter referred to as "the Terms and Conditions").

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In accordance with Article 12.4 of the Terms and Conditions and upon positive review, the Centre VPH's designation as a FAO Reference Centre may be renewed with mutually agreed terms of reference and a work plan for a specified period of time. Following FAO's review of the degree of progress and compliance with the 'Areas of Collaboration' agreed upon under the above-mentioned exchange of letters, and the quality of the contributions made by the Centre VPH to assist FAO in its mission of providing authoritative advice to its Member Nations, I am pleased to inform you of FAO's intention to renew the designation of the Centre VPH as a FAO Reference Centre for veterinary medicine, for a further four (4) year period starting from 28 September 2020 until 27 September 2024.

It is therefore proposed that, during this period of renewed designation, the Centre VPH collaborates with FAO in accordance with the Terms and Conditions agreed upon in the revised Annex to the letter of designation.

If you agree to this renewal of designation, this letter and your reply through a signed letter will constitute an agreement between FAO and the Centre VPH.

In conveying to you FAO's appreciation for your interest and preparedness in offering the support of your institution to the Organization's effort to assist its Members and in particular developing countries, I look forward to your acceptance of this proposed renewal of the designation of the Centre VPH as a FAO Reference for a Centre for veterinary public health.

Yours sincerely,



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Deputy Director-General

*This letter is signed electronically using the Adobe Acrobat signature function. Please treat as original.*