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Dear Mr Haxton,

As you are aware from our previous communications last year, the WHO Executive Board recently reviewed the report of our collaboration for the period 2008-2010 at its 128th session, 17-25 January 2011. I am pleased to inform you that the Board decided to maintain the International Council for Control of Iodine Deficiency Disorders in official relations with the World Health Organization. In making its decision, the Board noted with appreciation your organization's report, the description of the successful collaboration between WHO and your organization, and commended the International Council for Control of Iodine Deficiency Disorders for its continuing support of the work of WHO.

I would like to add my thanks for your organization's continuing interest in working with WHO. I hope that our activities will continue to be fruitful in the future in support of global health efforts. In this connection, please contact Dr J. P. Pena-Rosas, Coordinator, Reduction of Micronutrient Malnutrition, who our records show serves as the WHO Designated Technical Officer for our relations, to pursue implementation of our plan for collaboration for the years 2011-2013 or, as the case may be, agreement on such a plan. Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me or Ms Josephine Matsumoto in my Department.

Yours sincerely,

Alex Ross

Director

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