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**Mrs. Joan Peppard,
President of European Association
of Hospital Pharmacists**

Dear Mrs. Peppard,

The Republic of Uzbekistan since gaining independence in 1991 pays a special attention to improving medical services, healthcare and extension of life expectancy of the population, growing up healthy young generation.

The National Program for the protection of public health has set ambitious goals for the reformation and modernization in the medical field. As a result of its implementation, a strong foundation was created, on which the country's health system is continuing to develop and being updated over the past years.

Due to implemented measures over the past 25 years, maternal deaths per 100 thousand live births dropped by 33% (from 54 cases in 1990 to 19 cases now). The average life expectancy raised from 66 years to 73,5 years among men and from 68 to 75,8 years among women. According to these indicators, our country has fully achieved relevant Millennium Development Goals.

At the same time the country has formed a fundamentally new and unique single system of providing in-free emergency medical care to the population over the years of independence that consists of specialized regional hospitals, and offices in cities and districts that meet the highest requirements and international standards. Republican Scientific Center for Emergency Medical Care has been created for management and coordination of their activities.

At the same time, more than 3200 rural health units were opened over the country, which play an extremely important role in strengthening the grass-roots health care system. They are all equipped with modern medical technology, and general practitioners provide primary health care in there.

Work is carried out on strengthening the health system's material-technical base and human capacities. Its results are the establishment of new and reconstruction of existing health facilities and equipping them with the most advanced technology, training and retraining of highly qualified personnel.

Every year funds amounting to 15.7% of the total expenditure of the state budget are allocated for the healthcare purposes, which amounts to 4.1% of GDP.

It should be noted that Uzbekistan achieved impressive changes in dynamics and structure of economy, development of production and export capacity, social sphere, level and quality of life. Between 1990 and 2014 republic's GDP at purchasing power parity increased by 6.3 times – from 27.1 up to 171.416 billion US dollars, and its growth rates over 11 years remain at around 8%.

Based on experience of developed countries the Government of Uzbekistan is focusing on the development of small business and private entrepreneurship. This rapidly developing sector, which in 2015 ensured the production of 56.7% of GDP, is playing rightly a leading role in dynamic development of Uzbekistan.

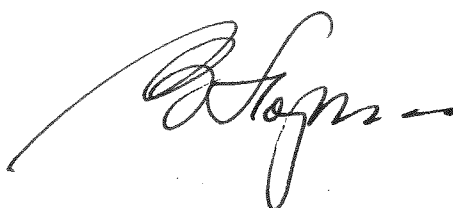
Accordingly the middle-class is growing as well as demand for more qualitative medical services and higher healthcare standards. Nowadays a lot of people are applying to leading medical institutions in Germany, Israel and India for medical treatment and this number is growing each year.

We know very well about advanced level of medical services in the Netherlands with Health Valley, which involves the provinces of Gelderland, Brabant and Overijssel, being one of the best networks in the world that fosters and supports technological innovations in health care.

Therefore it would be very useful to arrange a meeting with your Association in order to discuss the existing possibilities for cooperation in the sphere of medical care and treatment as well as exchange of experience in the process of realization of medical, humanitarian and educational projects to make joint contribution to the promotion of a healthy life style among the population.

Remaining at your disposal for any further information, please accept, dear Mrs. Peppard, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,



Vladimir Norov
Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan