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Dear Dr Young-soo

**Amendment No. 1 to the Arrangement between World Health Organisation and
Government of Australia, represented by the Australian Agency for International
Development (AusAID)**
**relating to the Donor Agreement (No. 46577) between WHO and AusAID for the
establishment of the Pacific Human Resource Health Alliance (PHRHA)**

I am writing to propose an amendment to the Arrangement between the World Health Organisation (WHO) and Australia, represented by AusAID (herein after referred to as 'the Donor') relating to the Donor Agreement (No. 46577) signed on 17 June 2008 between WHO and the Donor for the establishment of the Pacific Human Resource Health Alliance (PHRHA).

The purpose of this amendment is to reflect the Donor's additional contribution of AUD1,714,000 to the PHRHA. The Donor's contribution is a 'one-off payment' to be made in June 2009 to support the implementation of the PHRHA's *Enhancing the Quality of Nursing and Midwifery Educational Programmes and Services in the Pacific* project; to support the establishment of a technical working group on 'Strengthening Specialised Clinical Services' and operational costs of the PHRHA secretariat.

Delete the current Paragraph 4 Financial Arrangements and replace with the following:

4. Arrangements

The Donor will provide PHRHA via WHO with an additional contribution of AUD1,714,000 in June 2009. WHO will apply these funds to support the Pacific Human Resources for Health Alliance to strengthen human resources for health capacity in Pacific islands countries, and to improve the quality of health services as outlined in Annex A of the current Donor Arrangement.

This contribution will be a one-off payment and will specifically cover the following activities:

- *AUD1,250,000 contribution to cover two financial years (2009-10 to 2010-11), to support the implementation of the 'Enhancing the Quality of Nursing and Midwifery Educational Programmes and Services in the Pacific' project as per the proposal in Annex 1 of this Amendment and any subsequent revisions;*
- *AUD400,000 contribution to cover two financial years, 2009-10 to 2010-11, for the operation of the PHRHA Secretariat, including support for the two positions: PHRHA Programme Manager and Technical Officer in Human Resources and Health Systems Research; and*
- *AUD64,000 contribution to cover two financial years, 2009-10 and 2010-11, for the establishment and operation of a Technical Working Group which addresses Human Resources for Specialised Clinical Services in the Pacific.*

Please note that the Donor's additional contribution is subject to progress toward improvements in PHRHA's structure to more clearly delineate governance, management and operational functions of the PHRHA and its parts, including the Alliance, Secretariat, Steering Committee and Technical Working Groups. A Mid-Term Review of the Donor's support to WHO for the PHRHA Secretariat will be undertaken to assist any reframing of the PHRHA in the light of the Donor's emerging regional assistance in the health sector. It is understood that the Donor's additional contribution will, in conjunction with existing funding from the Donor to the Secretariat, enable WHO to devote three full-time positions (PHRHA Programme Manager, Technical Officer in Human Resources and Health Systems Research and Programme Assistant) to the PHRHA.. The Donor understands that these positions are dedicated PHRHA positions and will be focused solely on PHRHA related work.

The contribution to the 'Enhancing the Quality of Nursing and Midwifery Educational Programmes and Services in the Pacific' project is subject to WHO working collaboratively with the Donor to ensure any recommendations proposed to Pacific Ministers of Health by the project include policy considerations, budget implications and cost-benefit analysis.

In all other respects not pertaining to the above amendments, the Donor and WHO confirm the existing Agreement conditions.

If you agree to the proposed amendment, this letter and your response will constitute Amendment Number One to the current Arrangement between the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the Donor. The date of effect of the Amendment will be the date of your response.

Yours sincerely



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