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Dear Professor Butzlaff,

I am pleased to inform you that WHO has designated the Friede Springer Stiftungsprofessur für Globale Kindergesundheit, Universität Witten/Herdecke as the WHO collaborating centre for global child health, under WHO's reference number DEU-155. As previously agreed Professor Ralf Weigel will act as Head of the Centre. Should there be any change in the future, please inform WHO without delay.

The agreed terms of reference and workplan of the Centre are attached. We wish to emphasize that institutions designated as WHO collaborating centres are expected to implement the agreed workplan in a timely manner and to the highest possible standard of quality. Any issue that may affect the implementation of the agreed workplan should be brought to the attention of the WHO responsible officer, Dr Sophie Jullien, email: julliens@who.int. For information on administrative matters, please visit the WHO website: http://www.who.int/collaboratingcentres/information/en/.

We also wish to emphasize that institutions designated as WHO collaborating centres must comply with the attached *Terms and conditions for WHO collaborating centres*. Please note that the WHO name and emblem may only be used by a WHO collaborating centre as described in the terms and conditions. On the anniversary of the designation date, institutions designated as WHO collaborating centres must complete a short online progress report. Details will be sent to the email address of the Head of the Centre specified in designation form.

The designation as a WHO collaborating centre will be effective for a period of four years, as from 3 October 2025 and will automatically end on 2 October 2029 unless redesignation has been approved by WHO before that date. During the period of designation, either party may revoke the designation at any time by giving three months advance notice in writing.

I look forward to our successful collaboration.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge
Regional Director

Encls:
1. Redesignation form which includes the Terms of Reference and Workplan
2. Terms and conditions for WHO Collaborating Centres

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