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Rome, 29 Settembre 2016

Al Prof. Michael Moore President World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA)

Al Prof. Carlo Signorelli Presidente della Società Italiana di Igiene, Medicina Preventiva e Sanità Pubblica (SItI).

Dear Prof. Moore,

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA PREVENZIONE SANITARIA I A SEGRETERIA Via Giorgio Ribotta, n. 5 - 00144 ROMA

I am the Director General for Preventive Health at the Italian Ministry of Health and Chief Medical Officer for the country.

I am writing to you to support the Italian Society of Hygiene (SIT) in their application to host the 16th World Congress on Public Health in 2020 in Rome.

Besides the many reasons in favour of the Italian proposal, ranging from the high quality of research and prototyping of viable, innovative and sustainable initiatives in the broad fields of Public Health and One Health, I underline the unique alliance between my Directorate and the proposing Society.

We have largely built our policy making process based on the evidence and recommendations generated by the said Society, benefitting from their continuous support and scientific assistance.

Their large network, of professional as well as of academicians is a serious recipe to ensure rigour and relevance at the some time, that we see as crucial for the sustainability and appropriateness of our action.

One of the most recent contribution we have received has been translated into the new National Plan on Immunization, a true milestone and a major benchmark in the EU.

I hope you will consider the Italian application favorably. Whit best regards,

> THE GENERAL DIRECTOR (Dr. Raniero Guerra)