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Dear Dr. Matthias Reinicke,

I would like to thank you for inviting Georgia to participate as observers in the annual meeting of the Universal Health Coverage Partnership in Brussels in March this year. It was an excellent opportunity to find out about the exciting work the Partnership programme is doing in Europe and around the world.

While in Brussels I had a very positive meeting with Gerard Schmets and Denis Porignon from WHO Headquarters. It is clear that Georgia would benefit enormously from being part of the Partnership programme. The programme would enable WHO to provide us with the timely and intensive technical assistance we need to move closer to universal health coverage.

If Georgia is included in the Partnership programme, we would focus on the following areas:

1. Developing plan for strengthening strategic purchasing to improve quality, efficiency and governance in the health system, establishing standards, monitoring provider performance and identifying better ways of contracting and paying for primary care and hospital services.
2. Strengthening the model of service delivery so that primary care services are attractive, accessible, effective and well-coordinated with other parts of the health system; care is provided at the most appropriate level; and the health system can achieve better outcomes.
3. Support for the new 2030 health strategy particularly in developing the health financing aspects of the strategy.

Sincerely yours,

Deputy Minister

Nino Berdzuli

