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Geneva, 31/03/2017

Sir.

FCTC 2030

I would like to thank you for your expression of interest to become a FCTC 2030 Party. We have noted your request for the Secretariat of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) to support Georgia to strengthen the implementation of the treaty.

A selection panel, which included the Convention Secretariat, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the project funder, carefully reviewed each of the applications received. The selection panel gave consideration to each application in light of set criteria. A total of 15 Parties were selected.

It is my pleasure to confirm that Georgia has been selected as one of the FCTC 2030 Parties. I would like to congratulate you on the commitment of your Government to the implementation of the treaty.

I have the honor to inform you that the Convention Secretariat is ready to commence the project in your country. There is work to do before the FCTC 2030 project can be officially launched in your country, including the development of a strategic work plan, so that we can support your country to get the most out of the support that will be made available. We will also seek to enter into an official agreement for your participation in the FCTC 2030 project.

I would like to inform you that Mr Andrew Black, Team Leader, Development Assistance, is the Convention Secretariat's lead officer for this project, who can be reached at this e-mail address: blacka@who.int. The Convention Secretariat will be in contact with the technical focal point for the WHO FCTC in your country shortly to commence preparations for the project.

Given the importance of intersectoral working to maximize the implementation of the Convention, I will also advise the UN Country Team and WHO Representative in your country about your selection as a FCTC 2030 Party.

I look forward to a fruitful cooperation with your Government, to maximize health and development through the implementation of the Convention in Georgia.

Please accept the assurance of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Vera Luiza da Costa e Silva Head of the Secretariat WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control

Cc.: Permanent Mission of Georgia to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations

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