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Dr. da Costa e Silva
Head of the Convention Secretariat, Framework Convention on
Tobacco Control

Dear Dr. da Costa e Silva,

On behalf of the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs, I would like to first of all share our excitement about passing a new tobacco control law with very strong provisions. Related to this, from January 2018 Georgia is planning to introduce standardized packaging of tobacco products.

In this light, we would like to kindly request assistance of the Convention Secretariat to facilitate process of obtaining the right from the relevant Parties or the European Commission to use the pictorial health warnings approved in their jurisdictions. Considering the timing of entering into force of this particular provision, it is a top priority to address this issue as soon as possible and we believe that support of the Secretariat in this matter can significantly catalyze the process.

Looking forward to further discussing this issue with the relevant focal point in the Secretariat.

Please accept assurance of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Deputy Minister

Nino Berdzuli