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To  
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**Becoming a Member of the WHO Global network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities**

Dear Madam

We are pleased to inform you that the City of Bern is highly interested to become a member of the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities. Bern, the capital of Switzerland, is an age-friendly city, which encourages active ageing by optimising opportunities for health, participation and security in order to enhance quality of life as people age. In September 2011 we have signed the Dublin Declaration on the occasion of the First International Conference 'Building the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities' in Dublin. With this letter we want to renew our commitment to undertake the process of continually assessing and improving our age-friendliness and to complete the steps of the 5 year network cycle.

Ms. Rita Gisler, head of the office for age and social insurance of the City of Bern, is responsible to undertake the necessary steps to become a member of the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities.

Yours sincerely

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