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Dr. Haik Nikogosian Head FCTC Convention Secretariat World Health Organization Avenue Appia 20 1211 Geneva 27 Switzerland

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Dear Dr. Nikogosian,

The World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) in its Article 2 establishes that Parties shall inform the Conference of the Parties through the Convention Secretariat of any bilateral or multilateral agreements that they have entered into.

As a Party to the WHO FCTC and in response to the requirement established on Article 2 of the Convention, we would like to inform you that Canada has recently signed agreements with Brazil and the European Commission as follows:

Title of the Agreement: Memorandum of Understanding Between the Department of Health of Canada and the Ministry of Health of the Federative Republic of Brazil on Health Sector Collaboration.

Date of signature: May 19, 2009

Duration of the agreement: 3 years (with possibility of renewal)

Overall objective: To promote health collaboration between Canada and Brazil in the spirit of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit.

Component(s) of the agreement that are relevant to tobacco control: Tobacco control is specified under paragraph 3(o) and includes collaboration on regulatory issues and information sharing more particularly related to tobacco products regulation, monitoring, control and enforcement.

Title of the Agreement: Memorandum of Understanding Between the Department of Health of Canada and the Health and Consumers Directorate General of the European Commission in the Area of Tobacco Control

Date of signature: June 19, 2009

Duration of the agreement: 3 years (with possibility of renewal)

Overall objective: To promote health collaboration between Canada and the EC on regulatory

issues related to tobacco control.

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Component(s) of the agreement that are relevant to tobacco control: Collaboration on regulatory issues and information sharing more particularly related to tobacco products data collection, storage, management; analysis, and in the assessment of tobacco-related addictiveness and attractiveness; and Internet-based tobacco marketing compliance monitoring.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this any further.

Best regards,

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