

THE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION
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Honorable Ligia Amada Melo de Cardona
Secretary of State for Higher Education, Science, and Technology
Ave. Enrique Jiménez Moya esq. Juan de Dios Ventura Simó
5to. Piso, Centro de los Héroes
Santo Domingo, República Dominicana

Dear Madam Secretary:

On March 28, 2007, the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA) met in Washington, D.C., to review, among other items, the report submitted by the Dominican Republic describing the current accreditation standards and processes used to evaluate and accredit medical schools in your country.

At the meeting, the NCFMEA decided to defer consideration of the report until September 2007, pending receipt of the following information from the Dominican Republic:

- a detailed description of your accreditation process,
- the number of schools that are currently accredited and if/when these schools submitted self-studies to the Dominican Republic, and
- a list of site visits scheduled from April-September 2007.

In previous communication with Department of Education staff, you were asked to submit these items by July 2, 2007, so that we had sufficient time to review the information prior to the September 2007 NCFMEA meeting.

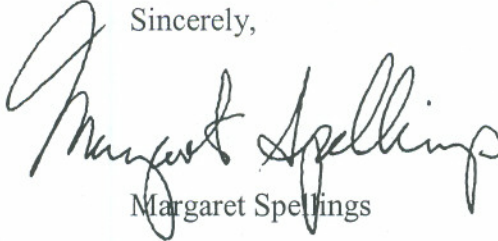
In addition, the NCFMEA had requested that at least one representative from the Dominican Republic attend the September 2007 meeting in order to address questions from the Committee.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Carol Griffiths, Chief, Accrediting Agency Evaluation Unit, at (202) 219-7035 (telephone), (202) 219-7005 (fax), or carol.griffiths@ed.gov (e-mail).

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Thank you very much for providing information regarding the Dominican Republic's accreditation of its medical schools. The NCFMEA members and I very much appreciate your ongoing interest and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Spellings". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Margaret Spellings

cc: Mr. Emilio Huyke
Consultant to SEESCYT

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