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Dear Dr. Stransky:

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 information and documents submitted by Slovakia describing the current accreditation standards and processes used by the Accreditation Commission to evaluate and accredit medical schools in your country. At the meeting, you and Dr. Marian Mokaň provided additional information on behalf of Slovakia. The testimony was most helpful, and the NCFMEA members wish to thank both of you for your participation in the meeting.

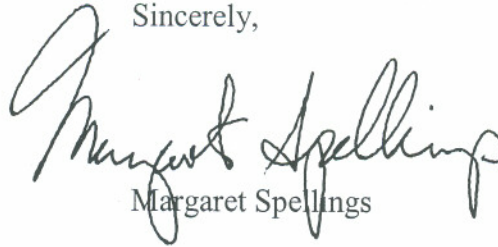
After considering the materials submitted and the testimony presented, the NCFMEA accepted Slovakia's initial application and deferred a final decision on whether the Accreditation Commission's standards and processes are comparable to those used to accredit medical schools in the United States, to be determined no later than the NCFMEA's spring 2008 meeting. This deferral will allow the NCFMEA to review additional materials already submitted by Slovakia and to request clarification on those materials, if necessary.

If you have any questions regarding this decision, 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](mailto:carol.griffiths@ed.gov) (e-mail).

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I want to thank you for taking the time to respond to our requests for information about your standards and processes for accreditation of medical schools. The NCFMEA members and I very much appreciate your ongoing interest and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Margaret Spellings". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Margaret" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Spellings".

Margaret Spellings

cc: Dr. Marian Moka  
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