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Mr. Naftali Weitman
Secretary
Council for Higher Education
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Dear Mr. Weitman:

The National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA) met in Washington, D.C., on September 6, 2001, to review, among other things, the annual report submitted by the Council for Higher Education (Council) on the activities of its Committee for the Re-evaluation of Medical Schools (Committee) in Israel. The NCFMEA members wish to thank Professor Carmi Margolis from Ben Gurion University for attending the meeting as the official representative of the Council.

At the meeting, the NCFMEA formally accepted the Council's report and also requested that the Council submit another annual report to the United States Department of Education for review at the September 2002 NCFMEA meeting. The purpose of the annual report is to provide the NCFMEA with a summary of the Council's re-evaluation activities, including the following information:

- *Overview of re-evaluation activities:* A summary of key activities by the Council and the Committee during the period covering August 2001 - June 2002, such as site reviews conducted, meetings held and re-evaluation decisions reached, conferences or training sessions held.
- *Summary of any changes or developments in the following areas:*
 - *Laws and Regulations:* Any changes in your country's laws or regulations affecting the re-evaluation of your medical schools.
 - *Standards, Processes and Procedures:* Any changes in the standards, processes or procedures that the Council and the Committee use to re-evaluate medical schools in your country.
- *Schedule of upcoming re-evaluation activities:* A listing of Council and Committee meetings and listing of on-site visits to medical schools and clinical clerkship sites planned for July 2002 - June 2003.

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Please send the report by July 1, 2002, to the Executive Director of the NCFMEA at the address below:

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The Executive Director will contact you in the spring of 2002 to provide information regarding the September 2002 meeting and more details on submission of the annual report. In the interim, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. LeBold at (202) 219-7009 (telephone), (202) 219-7008 (fax), or Bonnie.LeBold@ed.gov (e-mail).

Thank you very much for providing information regarding your country's re-evaluation of its medical schools. The NCFMEA members and the U.S. Department of Education appreciate your ongoing assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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