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21 September 2023

Dear Dr Palmer

**NIHR contribution to administrative costs of joint UK representation at EDCTP in 2023**

I am pleased to inform you that the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, acting through the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) will reimburse a contribution of EUR101,284.32 (£88,385.78) to the Medical Research Council (MRC) to cover the European and Development Countries Trials Partnership (EDCTP) administrative costs related to the joint United Kingdom representation at this partnership for the year 2023, according to the invoice paid by MRC to EDCTP, dated 6 March 2023, enclosed in Annex.

Recognising the joint UK representation, this NIHR payment represents the full contribution for the UK Secretariat administrative costs for 2023, following the full contribution for UK Secretariat administrative costs which was made by MRC on behalf of the UK in 2022.

The NIHR gives this contribution freely to the MRC and with no expectation of anything in return. This payment is not seen as a consideration for a supply for VAT purposes and therefore you should not include VAT or other local taxes on the invoice.

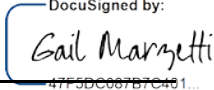
These are Official Development Assistance (ODA) funds provided by the NIHR subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The NIHR accepts no responsibility, financial or otherwise, for liabilities arising out of expenditure from this contribution or for liabilities arising out of the activities funded by this contribution.
- 2) The EDCTP shall acknowledge the NIHR's support alongside that of MRC in all relevant correspondence and any relevant publications or on the website.
- 3) The EDCTP shall undertake reasonable endeavours to ensure that this contribution is

ODA-compliant and can properly be categorised as ODA by the OECD. ODA funding can be provided to awardees from countries on the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) list and is administered with the promotion of the economic development and welfare of these countries as its main objective.

- 4) The EDCTP shall notify NIHR of any concern it has that monies paid to the Association cannot or may not be properly categorised as ODA by the OECD as soon as reasonably practicable.

Please sign and return a copy of this letter to NIHR to confirm your agreement to the terms set out herein.

Signed:  21-Sep-2023 | 5:21 PM BST  
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On behalf of the Medical Research Council, I agree to the terms set out in this letter.

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