

Subject: Decision of the 138th session of the Executive Board

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This message is being sent on behalf of Dr G. Silberschmidt

Dear NGO focal point,

In accordance with exchanges between our organizations last year, the WHO Executive Board reviewed the report of our relations and collaboration at its 138th session. I am pleased to inform you that the Board decided to maintain the International Catholic Committee of Nurses and Medico-Social Assistants in official relations with the World Health Organization.

In making its decision, the Board commended the continuing dedication of the organization you represent in support of the work of WHO.

I would also like to bring to your attention that the WHO Executive Board during its 138th session deliberated WHO's Framework of engagement with non-State actors, which includes a policy on nongovernmental organizations. The Member States will further revise the Framework and submit it to the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly in May 2016 for its deliberations and decision. The implementation of this Framework may bring some changes to WHO's relations with non-State actors in official relations, of which you will be informed when or if the Framework has been adopted.

I would like to take this opportunity to convey my thanks to the International Catholic Committee of Nurses and Medico-Social Assistants for its work with WHO. I hope that our activities continue to be as fruitful. In this connection, please contact **A.M. Nkowane** who serves as the Designated Technical Officer for our relations, to pursue implementation of the agreed plan for collaboration.

Kindly note that the review of the implementation of that plan will take place by the WHO Executive Board in January 2019, according to the three year schedule for the reviews.

Should you have any queries about our formal relations, please feel free to contact Ms Taina Nakari, External Relations Officer in the Department for Partnerships and Non-State Actors Policy and Strategic Directions at civilsociety@who.int.

I look forward to the continuing support and collaboration of your organization in implementing activities to achieve global health goals

Yours sincerely,

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