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Dear Professor Moore,

On behalf of the World Health Organization (WHO), it gives me great pleasure to congratulate you and your colleagues on the fiftieth anniversary of the World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA) and to extend our best wishes on the occasion of the 15th World Congress on Public Health being held in Melbourne, Australia.

For the last fifty years, the WFPHA has been able to provide a unifying voice through public health associations across the world. Since the time that WFPHA was accepted into official relations with WHO, we have had the opportunity for greater understanding of the expectations of public health professionals and their associations globally.

In recent years, the coordinated approach on the Global Charter for the Public’s Health has provided an opportunity for a more coordinated approach between WHO and WFPHA. Working with you to build international capacity based on the Charter’s three service areas of “protection, promotion and prevention”, within the context of the Sustainable Development Goals, provides a real prospect of building stronger frameworks for healthier nations, communities and people.

It is my pleasure to pass on our thanks to all of those who have provided leadership and those who have participated in the WFPHA over the last five decades, and we look forward to working with you as well as wishing you well in your important endeavours for the next fifty years.

Yours sincerely,

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