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Ms. Sandra Ligia González
Executive Secretary
Inter-American Coalition for Regulatory Convergence - Medical Technology Sector

Re: Intent for joining AHWP/GHWP as a Liaison Member

Dear Sandra,

Thank you for your application, dated 7th April 2021, for Inter-American Coalition for Regulatory Convergence - Medical Technology Sector (IACRC) to join AHWP/GHWP as a Liaison Member. Your application is fully supported by our AHWP/GHWP leadership.

On behalf of the AHWP/GHWP leadership, I would like to express our warmest welcome to IACRC for joining AHWP/GHWP as a Liaison Member. Following our terms of reference and house rules, new Liaison Member applications will be endorsed by all AHWP/GHWP members during our Annual Meeting. Due to COVID-19 and the international travel bans, our 25th Annual Meeting will be held online this year on 30th Nov and 1st Dec 2021. The endorsement of your application is scheduled on Day 2 of the Annual Meeting on 1st Dec 2021, Wednesday. You are cordially invited to present a short speech, with duration around 3 minutes, to share your vision on device regulatory convergence and your expectation from IACRC after joining AHWP/GHWP as a member.

With 25 years of establishment, AHWP/GHWP has been continuously devoting our efforts towards harmonization of medical device regulations through the collective inputs from regulatory authorities and the industries, where our membership has grown into 31 countries/regions. Through our technical committee and capacity building task force, AHWP/GHWP recommends and issues guidance documents, and promotes capacity building on all aspects of device regulations, which include pre-market submission for device, IVDD & software as a medical device, post-market, clinical evidence for performance & safety, quality management system for audit & assessment as well as operation & implementation, standards, UDI & nomenclature. Over the years, AHWP/GHWP has also built strong partnerships with international stakeholders, including IMDRF, WHO, APEC, ISO, IEC, APACMed, DITTA, GS1, etc.

It is my great pleasure to also share with you that AHWP is transforming into GHWP, for better alignment with our global visions on device regulations convergence and membership expansions, where the soft launch of our re-branding is scheduled during our 25th Annual Meeting online.

I strongly believe that the joining of IACRC as our new Liaison Member can further enrich the capability and global presence of AHWP/GHWP on device regulatory convergence, towards achieving our ultimate goals of upholding the safe, efficacy and accessible of medical device to benefit more patients and the community.

Our Ir Bryan So, Executive Secretary General of AHWP/GHWP, will contact you further on details of the liaison membership endorsement arrangement, who can be reached at bryanso@cuhk.edu.hk. You may also contact our Secretariat Office at secretariat@ahwp.info for any queries.

Looking forward to meeting you again virtually at the 25th AHWP/GHWP Annual Meeting.
Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Ali M. AL-DALAAN,
AHWP/GHWP Chair