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The Iranian Society of Nuclear Medicine

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Director General
World Health Organization

November 14, 2018

Dear Dr. Ghebreyesus

I am writing with regard to the recent U.S. administration withdrawal from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) by breaching its obligations thereunder while also imposing unfair and illegitimate sanctions against Iran unilaterally, which undeniably violate all international principles and human rights ethical considerations, not to mention that it did not comply with the International Court of Justice (ICJ) orders dated October 3, 2018.

Along with its increasingly irrational encounter, the U.S. officials have posed an obstacle in the way of supplying medication through different kinds of pressure, although they have claimed to strike an attitude toward Human Rights by applying an exemption on food and medication from the newly-imposed sanctions

Among these pressures is the imposition of, or the threat to impose, sanctions against the corporations acting in the field of medication or aim to cooperate with the relevant Iranian institution including *Pars Isotope Company* which is role of company responsible for the supply of radioactive drugs for over 1 million Iranian patients as well as the hundred thousands of patients outside the country.

Unfortunately, the inclusion of such companies in the list of sanctioned entities has led to various difficulties in interacting with related foreign organizations, eventually resulting in a shortfall in the supply of radiopharmaceuticals for overseas patients due to the necessity to prioritize local patients. Evidences of it include the letters (attached) recently received from Iraqi and Indian medical doctors as examples indicating their patients would be at risk due to the above-mentioned issues.

Therefore, as the World Health Organization highest-ranking official, you are kindly requested to follow up and bring the issue to the attention of the international related organizations so as to these inhumane acts be condemned and ceased through global pressure on the U.S. government related authorities. It is obvious that the supply of medication, even for the local patients, may face serious problems in the near future if the issue remains unresolved.

Thank you in advance for your prudent consideration.

Sincerely Yours,

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President of the Iranian Society of Nuclear Medicine

CC: United Nations Commission on Human Rights