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Government of India
Attn: Office in charge of Yellow fever
vaccination control at borders
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New Delhi-110 001
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Sir,

Your country requires a certificate of Yellow Fever (YF) vaccination for travellers coming from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission. Please note that this year the World Health Organization (WHO) has made a number of changes in the risk assessment for yellow fever. These changes are being published in the International Travel and Health (ITH) 2011 publication to be released in the next few weeks (www.who.int/ith). Note that in this year's edition Sao Tome and Principe, Somalia and the United Republic of Tanzania have been removed from the list of countries with risk of yellow fever transmission.

In addition, the requirement for yellow fever vaccination is sometimes applied to travellers transiting through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. During a consultation organized with yellow fever experts in 2010, it was proposed that airport transits under 12 hours pose such a low risk of yellow fever transmission that a proof of vaccination was not justified based solely on such a transit.

WHO secretariat would, therefore, suggest that your country take this proposal into consideration when determining the requirements for YF vaccination certification for incoming travellers.

Please ensure that this message is forwarded to the appropriate department responsible for implementing YF vaccination certificate requirements at point entry in your country.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Dr Keiji Fukuda
Assistant Director-General for
Health Security and Environment

cc: Mr K.N. Singh, The Minister of External Affairs of India, New Delhi
The Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other
International Organizations in Switzerland

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