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Dear Dr. Akbar:

The National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA) met March 30-31, 2009, in Washington, D.C., to evaluate the standards of accreditation applied to foreign medical schools and to determine the comparability of those standards to the standards of accreditation applied to medical schools in the United States. Comparability of medical education is a requisite for American students attending medical schools outside of the United States to be eligible for U.S. Department of Education student financial assistance.

During this meeting, the NCFMEA reviewed the report submitted by the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) regarding its medical education accreditation activities and heard testimony from Pakistan's representatives. The NCFMEA wishes to thank you, Prof. A.J. Khan, PMDC, and Prof. Umar Ali Khan, PMDC, for attending the meeting to provide additional information regarding the PMDC's activities. Your testimony was very helpful, and the Committee valued your participation in the meeting.

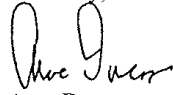
The NCFMEA formally reaffirmed its prior determination that the standards and processes used to accredit medical schools in Pakistan are comparable to those used to accredit medical schools in the United States, and requested that Pakistan submit a report updating the NCFMEA on its accreditation activities for review at the Spring 2012 meeting of the NCFMEA.

The NCFMEA Executive Director will send you a copy of the NCFMEA Guidelines and other necessary information prior to the Spring 2012 meeting. If you have any questions in the interim, please contact Dr. Rachael A. Shultz, Acting NCFMEA Executive Director, by phone at 202-219-2009, by fax at 202-219-7005, or by e-mail at Rachael.Shultz@ed.gov.

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I want to thank you for taking the time to respond to our requests for information about your country's standards and processes for the evaluation and accreditation of medical schools. The NCFMEA and I appreciate your interest in maintaining high-quality standards for medical education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arne Duncan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Arne" and the last name "Duncan" clearly distinguishable.

Arne Duncan

cc: Prof. A.J. Khan
Prof. Umar Ali Khan