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Dear Professor Cessak

On behalf of the ICMRA Executive Committee, I would like to thank you for your letter of 28 February 2022 and express our deep and shared concern for the ongoing situation.

ICMRA is a coalition of medicines regulatory authorities and throughout our ten-year history we have sought to focus on our collective mission of public health, and not take political positions. Currently the ICMRA Terms of Reference do not foresee any mechanism for exclusion of a member or associate member. However we are aware of the strict sanctions being imposed on Russia by an increasing number of countries and regions across the globe, including at UNGA level, and we will review our interactions with the Federal Service for Surveillance in Healthcare (Roszdravnadzor) in the light of these sanctions and the emerging situation.

While we do not consider it appropriate to take a collective position on behalf of all the ICMRA membership, we will keep the situation under review. Meanwhile we propose not to invite Roszdravnadzor to ICMRA meetings and communications for the foreseeable future, as well as consider the need for appropriate revisions to the Terms of Reference. A communication will be sent to ICMRA members and associate members in this regard.

Yours sincerely

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