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LETTER OF APPRECIATION

The government of the Republic of Zambia would like to express our profound appreciation to you, Prof. Andreas Nidecker, and through you, to the Basel Association of Medical Cooperation (BAMC) for the unwavering support to St Paul's Mission Hospital in Luapula Province of Zambia. The 25 years of partnership between the BAMC and St Paul's Mission Hospital underpins the association's resolve and commitment to improving the health status and ultimately the quality of lives for the underprivileged rural populations of Luapula Province in Zambia.

The Zambian government wishes to recognise the evident demonstration of the value of this partnership through the case of Wilmoty Masumbuko, a young man born with a deformity in the jaw bone and was unable to open his mouth since birth. Wilmoty, at the age of 19, became the first beneficiary of free specialised medical care, having been evacuated from Kashikishi in Nchelenge district of Luapula province to University Hospital of Zurich in Switzerland. Following the successful operation, Wilmoty is now able to open the mouth and enjoy the benefits of life.

Special thanks to Prof. Andreas Nidecker, Dr. Jana Siroka, Dr Beatrice Dolder and Mme Irma Laukkanen for ensuring the patient had access to specialised treatment and excellent homecare. Sincere gratitude to management of University Hospital of Zurich Prof. Dr. Jürg Hodler, Prof. Dr. Martin Rucker, PD. Dr. Harald Essig and Dr. Thomas Gander for making available their specialised facilities and surgical expertise, resulting in this success story at no cost.

The government of the Republic of Zambia remains indebted to your generosity and wishes to reaffirm our commitment to further strengthening the cooperation and partnership with the BAMC.

Cc: Prof. Dr. M. Podvined, President of BAMC

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