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Dear Mrs. Meagher,


Thanks for your letter of 29 May which clarifies the position you have taken completely.

I have avoided any general statement on WHO's position in relation to the investigations being carried out by the government of the USA largely because I have great hope that the new Secretary-General of the United Nations will be able to handle the whole situation for all of the agencies, and particularly because I did not want to invite the kind of violent attack on WHO, which, no matter how unwarranted, would make difficulties for the Organization. I have however taken the firm attitude that I interpret my present authority under the Constitution and the Staff Regulations to preclude any disciplinary action being taken against a staff member who fails to complete a questionnaire presented by any government.

Thanks for the kind words in the hand-written part of your letter.

With kindest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,


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