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DPI NGO Relations United Nations Headquarters New York City, NY USA

Dear DPI NGO Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to highly recommend the Center for Public Health (CPH), 32 Cameroun Street/Ibeku Road, Umauahia, Abia State, Nigeria for acceptance as a DPI NGO. CPH is already an ECOSOC NGO, and is in good standing.

Lehigh University and CPH have shared a UN Youth Representative partnership since December of 2011. Since that time, a number of Lehigh's students have served as CPH Youth Representatives, including two recently selected students who will serve for the next two years. We also had the delightful opportunity to host Dr. Okorochukwu C'Fine, CPH's Executive Director, on our campus in 2014. He spent significant time while here engaging with students and faculty, and also visiting the City of Bethlehem's Public Health office. A photo of his time on campus remains a feature of our Lehigh University/United Nations Partnership website: www.lehigh.edu/~inunted

CPH provides critical health care to the most vulnerable in Umuahia State, particularly those suffering from HIV/AIDS. The NGO has also recently been at the forefront of Ebola education across many communities.

I have the highest regard for Dr. C'Fine and the CPH, and hope that the DPI review committee will look favorably upon CPH's NGO application.

With regards,

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