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Dear Dra. Triana Contreras:

On September 21, 2017, the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA) met to evaluate the documents submitted by Consejo Mexicano para la Acreditación de la Educación Médica (COMAEM) on behalf of the Government of Mexico describing the current standards and processes used to accredit medical schools in your country.

The purpose of NCFMEA's review was to monitor the continuing comparability of accreditation standards and processes applied to medical schools in Mexico, to the system used to accredit medical schools in the United States (U.S.). Under U.S. law, accredited medical schools in a country that NCFMEA deems comparable may apply to participate in the U.S. William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) program. Then, if a medical school participates in the Direct Loan program, U.S. students attending the school may apply for Direct Loans to help cover educational expenses. For more information about foreign schools' participation in the Direct Loan program, access the Foreign School Information Web page at: <http://ifap.ed.gov/ForeignSchoolInfo/ForeignSchoolInfo.html>.

The NCFMEA wishes to thank Dr. Irene Durante, COMAEM, for attending the meeting to provide additional information regarding Mexico and COMAEM's accreditation activities. Her testimony was very helpful, and the Committee valued her participation in the meeting.

The NCFMEA deferred acceptance of the report submitted by Mexico, and requested that the country include the outstanding information identified in the Department staff's fall 2017 report, in the country's application for continued comparability at the spring 2020 NCFMEA meeting.

The U.S. Department of Education will contact COMAEM before the spring 2020 NCFMEA meeting regarding the preparation and submission of the material.

If you have any questions about the meeting, please contact Jennifer Hong, NCFMEA Executive Director, at jennifer.hong@ed.gov.

Thank you for providing the information regarding the country's accreditation of medical schools. We appreciate your ongoing interest in maintaining high-quality standards for medical education.

Sincerely,



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cc: U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Mexico Desk Office