

DECLARATION OF INTENT

BETWEEN

THE FEDERAL OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF THE SWISS
CONFEDERATION

AND

THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL EDUCATION OF THE
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

The Federal Office of Public Health of the Swiss Confederation and the Ministry of Health and Medical Education of the Islamic Republic of Iran (hereafter referred to as “the Participants”)

BEARING IN MIND the close and friendly relations between Switzerland and Iran;

PROMOTING the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health;

SUPPORTING the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations, especially goal 3 to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages;

RECOGNISING the importance of strengthening global efforts to enhance public health promotion and disease prevention;

ACKNOWLEDGING the mutual benefit to be derived by both countries from the promotion of close relations in the field of public health;

RECALLING the Road Map for the Enhancement of the Bilateral Relations between the Swiss Confederation and the Islamic Republic of Iran, agreed in Tehran on 27 February 2016, providing a framework for future cooperation in various sectorial fields; and

AFFIRMING both countries’ commitment to further strengthening collaboration in the field of public health,

DECLARE THE FOLLOWING:

In light of growing national and global health challenges and based on mutual interest, and in full respect of the autonomy of institutions and health actors potentially involved, the Participants affirm their interest to strengthen their cooperation in the field of public health including the following areas:

- non-communicable diseases and personalized medicine,
- health promotion,
- prevention of infectious diseases (eg. sexually transmitted infections, HIV/Aids),
- access to medicines, and
- mental health and addictions (eg. illegal drugs).

Regular consultations on public health matters may take place:

- at the level of senior officials of the Federal Office of Public Health and the Ministry of Health and Medical Education, as appropriate, and may include other relevant actors;
- between senior public health experts of all relevant fields.

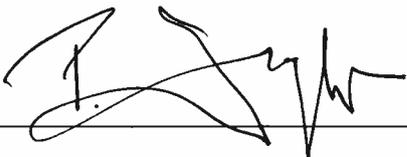
The Declaration of Intent promotes cooperation and exchanges between the Participants, which may be conducted in the following ways:

- exchange of information, in order to improve mutual understanding of respective laws and regulations, as well as the division of competences between actors involved,
- exchange of expertise, best-practices and experiences,
- joint activities such as seminars and workshops, and
- possible collaboration at the multilateral level.

The foregoing reflects the discussions held between the Federal Office of Public Health of the Federal Department of Home Affairs of the Swiss Confederation and The Ministry of Health and Medical Education of the Islamic Republic of Iran and does not create legally binding rights nor obligations.

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For the Federal Office of Public Health
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