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Honorable Nickolas T. Steele
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Dear Mr. Steele:

On September 27, 2019, the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA) met to evaluate the documents submitted by the Government of Grenada describing the current standards and processes used to accredit medical schools in your country.

The purpose of the NCFMEA's review was to determine the comparability of accreditation standards and processes applied to medical schools in Grenada, 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 determined that the standards and processes used by the Ministries of Education and Health in Grenada to accredit medical schools in Grenada are comparable to those used to accredit medical schools in the United States. The NCFMEA further required a special report from the country in two years regarding the outstanding issues identified in the final report issued to the country by my staff, as well as the country's status with the World Federal for Medical Education's (WFME) Recognition Programme.

The NCFMEA wishes to thank you and the rest of the Grenadian delegation for attending the meeting to provide additional information regarding Grenada's accreditation process. Your testimony was very helpful, and the Committee valued your participation in the meeting.

The U.S. Department of Education will contact the Government of Grenada before the fall 2021 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betsy DeVos". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B".

Betsy DeVos

cc: Pauleen Finlay, Grenada National Accreditation Board
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