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In reply please refer to: DRA D9-87-6

The Minister of Health
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Sir,

Certification of Dracunculiasis Eradication

I have the honour to refer to the worldwide certification of dracunculiasis eradication. In this context your country submitted information on the epidemiological situation of this disease in its territory to the World Health Organization.

This documentation was considered at the fourth Meeting of the International Commission for the Certification of Dracunculiasis Eradication (ICCDE) which met in Geneva on 15-17 February 2000.

I have pleasure in informing you that, based on the recommendation of the Commission, your country is officially certified as being free of dracunculiasis transmission.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gro H. Brundtland".

Gro Harlem Brundtland, MD, MPH
Director-General

cc: The WHO Liaison Officer, c/o Ministry of Health and Medical Industry, Department of External Relations, Ashgabat