

**ACTION PLAN ON THE COLLABORATION
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC
AND
THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN
IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SCIENCES
FOR THE YEARS 2016-2018**

The Ministry of Health of the Italian Republic and the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Azerbaijan, hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”, according to Articles 2 and 3 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Health of the Italian Republic and the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the cooperation in the field of Health and Medical Sciences signed in Rome on 11 November 2010 and entered into force in November 2011,

Guided by the willingness to develop fruitful collaboration in the fields of health and medical sciences, the Parties will encourage cooperation based on the principles of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit, through exchange of information, specialists and professionals on issues of common interest.

The Parties agree to develop collaboration between medical centers in their countries, while also promoting joint participation in conferences and workshops on topics related to the health of common interest.

The Parties shall develop and support collaboration in the following areas:

- prevention of communicable and non-communicable diseases, particularly diabetes and thalassemia and other national priority programs
- training in specialized areas in general, thoracic and paediatric surgery, neonatology, paediatrics, gynecology, otolaryngology, radiology, anesthesia and intensive care and endocrinology
- facilitation of bilateral joint research in clinical care
- nutrition policies for the contrast of chronic non-communicable diseases

The list of these fields is a mere example and does not preclude collaboration in other areas mutually agreed.

The Parties shall encourage the exchange of specialists in various disciplines of the medical professions and non-medical health professions by mutual agreement, with the aim of sharing knowledge about the latest diagnostic and therapeutic techniques.

The relevant clinical activity will be carried out in accordance with the laws and regulations governing the practice of medical professions and non-medical health professions in the host country.

Both Parties agree that all the projects derived from the implementation of this Action Plan on the collaboration will be carried out within the limits of the funds made available in the respective annual budgets, and with full respect of the regulations and legislation in force in the respective countries, of the international obligations reciprocally undertaken and of those coming to Italy as a member of the European Union.

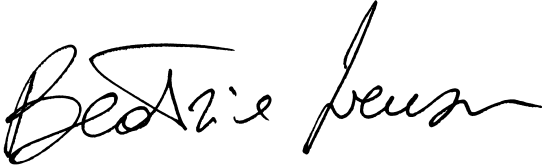
Any divergence that might arise between the Parties during the implementation and application of the Action Plan on the collaboration will be resolved through direct and friendly negotiations in accordance with the current legislation.

This Action Plan on the collaboration shall produce its effects from the date of signature and shall remain effective for a period of three (3) years. In case of withdrawal before the expiry of three years each Party shall give written notice to the other with 90 days notice.

Signed in Milan on 27th October 2015 in two original copies, in the English, Italian and Azeri languages. In case of divergence, the English text shall prevail.

**THE MINISTER OF HEALTH
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Beatrice Lorenzin



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