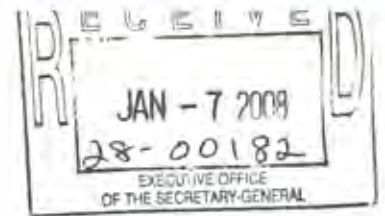


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TO: David Veness
A: Under-Secretary-General for Safety and Security

FROM: 
Alicia Barcena
DE: Under-Secretary-General for Management

SUBJECT: Somalia - Medical Facilities and support in Mogadishu

OBJET:

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 2 November 2007 regarding the above subject.

2. Please be advised that the UN Medical Director, Dr. Brian Davey, has been in contact with Dr. Jean-Gael Ruyffelaere since his return as well as with Mr. Eric Laroche, the UNDO in Somalia to discuss the concerns raised in the report and further actions that need to be taken.

3. We would like to assure you that the Medical Services Division will fully support any initiative that needs to be undertaken to improve the situation in Somalia or other field duty stations. As a focal point, Dr. Surachai Vichankaiyakij, Senior Medical Officer, continues, under the supervision of Dr. Brian Davey, to liaise and coordinate closely with Dr. Ruyffelare and the Somalia UN Country Team in working out recommendations to improve the situation and to ensure coordination of actions within the usual chain of management of UN dispensaries.

cc: Ms Haji-Ahmed
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