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Dr. FREDERICK MARTIN
ISSCT CHAIRMAN
P R E S E N T

With my best regards,

Mexico has overcome the sanitary crisis; it has been able to reactivate itself in all levels, such as productive and educational and recreational and it is working intensely on recovering its image as one of the most important destinies in touristy and business matters.

Recently and by virtue of the emergency caused by the new virus AH1N1, known as "influenza humana" or "human influenza", nowadays practically generalized, our country implemented urgent and extraordinary measures, firstly for detecting and controlling the epidemics, secondly for stabilizing and gradually reducing it and finally to overcome it definitively. These prophylactic and health measures, arranged by the authorities and followed by all the population, include the collaboration of a group of Mexican scientists and other countries for creating a vaccine that enables total control of this disease in the near future.

We are aware that the appearance of this virus has caused the concern of some members of ISSCT's Directive Council; however, we are convinced that the measures taken have given not only good but optimal results, up to the extent that fortunately, there have been no fatal victims in the last weeks.

We are sure and we wish to convey this to you, that this epidemics is a matter of the past and there is no way it can affect the accomplishment of the XXVII International Congress of Sugar Technology in Veracruz in March 2010, its preparation works continue with optimism and enthusiasm. Yet, of course, we need your support to declare to all the members of the Committee and to our colleagues of the sugar world that we will fulfill the commitment of honor assumed in South Africa, despite the adversities.

Regardless of the measures adopted in Mexico, it is known that each country has implemented its own policies for controlling and eradicating the virus, standing out that Canada, nation that keeps narrow friendship and collaboration with Mexico, has been promptly carrying out deep research to decipher the entrails of the AH1N1, quantifying the genetic sequence of the microorganism, which augurs that with the effort of all and coordinated by the World Health Organization, a vaccine will soon exist for this vector, as well as for its collateral mutagenic effects.

Feel yourself confident, Mr. President, that Mexico and our Association will act responsibly so our visitors are safe during their stay with us.

I use this opportunity to state our deepest gratitude for your understanding and consideration in these difficult times.

Kindly

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Chairman of the Congress

Copies: Dr. Jean Claude Autrey, ISSCT General Secretary .