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## Clarification of Relationship with the Pan American Health Organization (“PAHO”)

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Uniting for Health Innovation (“UfHI” or the “Foundation”) formerly The PAHO Foundation, and previously the Pan American Health and Education Foundation (PAHEF), was created by the Pan American Health Organization\* in 1968 in Washington, DC. Similar to the Pan American Health Organization, the Foundation’s purpose is to advance and foster healthcare in the Americas, by, among other things, engaging in activities to advance and stimulate efforts to combat disease, lengthen life, and promote the physical and mental health of the people, especially in the countries of the Western Hemisphere.

On January 10, 2018, The PAHO Foundation became Uniting for Health Innovation, building on our 50-year legacy as an independent, non-profit organization that unites government, industry and local communities to advance innovation in public health. Responding to the new health challenges that exist today, we seek to build bridges between diverse partners and stakeholders. Further, our name change also responds to the approved [FENSA resolution](#) which governs the relationship between WHO and non-state actors. Our new name and transparent operations reduce the risk of any perceived conflict of interest between specialized agencies and UfHI, while we work to bridge the gap between public and private stakeholders, and devise innovative solutions leading to sustainable public health advancements.

We remain proud of our PAHO origins, and resolute in our mission to improve the health and well-being of all people in the Americas through preventing non-communicable diseases, striving to eliminate and prevent communicable diseases, and strengthening health systems.

\* *This note is provided to correct misinformation contained on the Pan American Health Organization’s website, which incorrectly suggests that the Foundation is or was improperly using its former name (“The PAHO Foundation”). In fact, the Foundation owns the U.S. registered trademark for “The PAHO Foundation” name, and its prior use was neither improper nor required PAHO’s authorization. The Foundation chose to change its name in light of PAHO’s decision to no longer work with the Foundation.*