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Dear Ms. Cox:

This letter is the Office of the United States Trade Representative's (USTR) response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. §552, dated September 28, 2012 for: **all documents related to the World Health Organization (WHO) consideration of an agreement or treaty to support medical R&D.**

After a search and review of USTR's files, we are releasing eighty-nine (89) pages of documents in part with certain portions redacted pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552 (b)(5) to protect from disclosure deliberative and pre-decisional communications between USTR and other executive branch agencies. In addition, portions of these documents are redacted pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552 (b)(6) to protect third-party privacy interests. Finally, we are withholding sixty-four (64) documents pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552 (b)(5) and three (3) documents pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552 (b)(1). The documents withheld under FOIA exemption (b)(5) are draft position papers, draft talking points, draft resolutions, and other strategy and policy-related communications shared between USTR and other executive branch agencies. Those withheld under FOIA exemption (b)(1) contain information from foreign governments provided to USTR with the expectation that we hold it in confidence. This constitutes a complete response to your request. Pursuant to 15 C.F.R. §2004.6(d), if you are not satisfied with this decision, then within sixty (60) days you may appeal it in writing to:

USTR FOIA Appeals Committee
GSD/RDF; Jacqueline Caldwell
Phone number: 202-395-3419
Anacostia Naval Annex
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appeal to foia@ustr.eop.gov. In the event you are dissatisfied with the results of any such appeal, judicial review will thereafter be available to you in the United States District Court for the judicial district in which you reside or have your principal place of business, or in the District of Columbia, where we searched for the records you requested.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the FOIA office at (202) 395-3419.

Sincerely,



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