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Dr. Zita Horváth
Deputy State Secretary for Higher Education
Ministry of Human Capacities
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Dear Dr. Horváth:

The National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA) met on September 26-27, 2018. One of the agenda items was to evaluate the documents submitted by the Hungarian Accreditation Committee (HAC) on behalf of the Government of Hungary regarding the country's medical education accreditation activities.

The purpose of the NCFMEA's review was to determine the comparability of the country's medical accreditation system for Doctor of Medicine programs, or the equivalent, to the system used to accredit such programs in the United States (U.S.). Under U.S. law, accredited schools in a country that NCFMEA finds comparable may apply to participate in the U.S. William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) program. Then, if a medical school participates in the Direct Loan program, U.S. students attending the school may apply for Direct Loans to help cover educational expenses. For more information about foreign schools' participation in the Direct Loan program, access the Foreign School Information Web page at <https://ifap.ed.gov/ForeignSchoolInfo/ForeignSchoolInfo.html>.

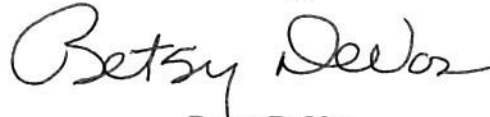
The NCFMEA reviewed the information submitted regarding the HAC's accreditation activities on behalf of the Government of Hungary for a redetermination of comparability. The NCFMEA wishes to thank Drs. László Hunyady, Gábor L. Kovács, György Panyi, and Lajos Kemény for attending the meeting to provide additional information regarding the HAC's activities. Their testimony was very helpful, and the Committee valued their participation in the meeting.

The NCFMEA determined that the standards and processes used by the HAC to accredit medical schools in Hungary are comparable to those used to accredit medical schools in the United States. The NCFMEA further required a special report from the country in two years regarding its standards or policies that ensure medical school faculty define the objectives of its educational program and that the objectives serve as guides for establishing curriculum content and provide the basis for evaluating the effectiveness of the educational program.

The U.S. Department of Education will contact the HAC before the fall 2020 NCFMEA meeting regarding the preparation and submission of the material. If you have any questions about the meeting, please contact Jennifer Hong, NCFMEA Executive Director, at jennifer.hong@ed.gov.

Thank you for providing the information regarding the country's accreditation of medical schools. We appreciate your ongoing interest in maintaining high-quality standards for medical education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betsy DeVos". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Betsy DeVos

cc: U.S. Department of State, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Hungary Desk
Officer