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**To the Minister of Public Health
of the Kingdom of Thailand
Prof. Piyasakol Sakolsatayadorn**

Dear Prof. Piyasakol Sakolsatayadorn!

On behalf of the Ministry of Healthcare of the Republic of Kazakhstan and on my own behalf, allow me to express my deep respect and gratitude for your merits in improving population health at the global level.

As you already know, the **Global Conference on Primary Health Care: from Alma-Ata towards Universal Health Coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals** was held in Astana on October 25-26, 2018 with the participation of 146 WHO Member States. **The Declaration of Astana on Primary Health Care** became the result of the Conference's work and outcome of fruitful cooperation among the MS experts.

Recognizing your leading role in the development of the Declaration of Astana on PHC, we express our interest in organizing the Group of Friendly Countries for its promotion. In that regard, we kindly ask you to support the participation in the Group as a co-partner on the promotion of the Declaration at the 144th session of the WHO Executive Board in January 2019, the 72nd session of the World Health Assembly in May 2019 and the United Nations General Assembly in September 2019, and inform us on your decision at your earliest convenience.

I am confident that our joint effort in the promotion of the Declaration principles will contribute to the achievement of high-quality and affordable Universal Health Coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Sincerely,
**Minister of Healthcare
of the Republic of Kazakhstan**

Yelzhan Birtanov