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Dear Mr Vandeveld,

Thank you for your letter of 24 October 2016 requesting the World Health Organization's leadership in establishing a Model List of Essential Diagnostics (EDL). I also note that this request has been endorsed by multiple organizations and individuals.

We are certainly considering several approaches regarding the development of such a list. Initially we will seek advice from the Expert Committee on Selection and Use of Medicines concerning companion diagnostic tests required for appropriate use of medicines currently on the Model List of Essential Medicines. Pending the Committee's advice in late March 2017, we will then consider how to take these developments forward.

Yours sincerely,

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