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***Subject: Health Financing Review Mission
January 12-16, 2014***

We are pleased to inform you that a World Bank health mission will be visiting Amman, Jordan, during the period of January 12-16, 2014 to work with the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MOPIC) and the Ministry of Health (MOH) on the envisaged health financing review. The mission will be led by Dr. Tamer Rabie, Senior Health Specialist and Task Team Leader, and will include Dr. Bjorn Ekman, Health Economist (Consultant).

The objectives of the mission will be to discuss with MOPIC and MOH data sources for the envisaged health financing review and acquire macro- (aggregate) and micro-level (household and individual) data to initiate the envisioned analysis. The main sources of data would potentially include: National Health Accounts (NHA); Jordan Household Expenditures and Income Survey; Jordan Demographic Health Survey (DHS); and any sources for epidemiological data. Towards this end, the most recent data pertaining to the aforementioned will be acquired for the purpose of the review. In addition, any other data sources identified in consultation with MOPIC and MOH will be sought, including data on pharmaceutical spending.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support to the mission, and look forward to a very fruitful collaboration.

Sincerely yours,

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