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To the President of
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Mr. Renzo Tondo

cc
Dr Franco Rotelli
Director General
A.S.S. n. 1 Triestina

16 February 2010

Dear President,

I am writing to you to thank you for the extraordinary event “Trieste 2010: what is ‘mental health?’” organized by the A.S.S. n. 1 Triestina, to which I had the honour and the pleasure to be invited.

The technical and scientific quality of the contributions, the richness and variety of the experiences presented the impressive international participation of senior and junior professionals coming from all over Italy and all over the world, represent a message of great hope for the attainment of better mental health globally and for the achievement of the Millennium Goals.

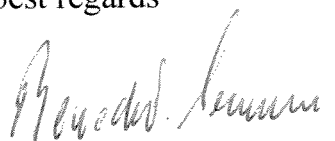
During my mandate as Director of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse at the World Health Organization, I have often collaborated with the system of mental health services and of community health implemented by the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region. I have been impressed by the innovative management of the A.S.S. n. 1 Triestina and by the leadership of the director doctor Franco Rotelli.

The continuity over the years and the outstanding achievements of the Trieste experience in public health systems implementation are internationally recognized and aligned with many strategic recommendations of the World Health Organization.

The experience in public health systems undertaken by Trieste's health authorities represents an important step in the long road towards building equitable and effective social and health care public systems.

I look forward to continuing our collaboration

best regards



Benedetto Saraceno
Director
Department of Mental Health
and Substance Abuse