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**To the CEO of
American Canadian School of
Medicine**

Dear Dr. Arvin Bagherpour!

The Independent Agency for Accreditation and Rating (IAAR) expresses its gratitude for your trust in education quality assessment and informs that at the meeting of the Accreditation Council on June 16, 2023 (Minutes No. 75) the following recommendations of the External Expert Panel aimed at further improving the quality of the educational programme **Doctor of Medicine (level: Basic Medical)** were adopted:

STANDARD "MISSION AND OUTCOMES"

The school should update its mission taking into consideration the necessity of evidence-based practice in medical education and development of scientific research capacity of the institution. (August 1, 2024)

STANDARD «EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME»

The school must permanently update the curriculum by using recent results / findings / evidence of biomedical research (Permanently).

The school should give opportunities to students to choose electives from the 1st year of studies, taking into consideration the regional context and individual needs of students (August 1, 2024).

STANDARD "STUDENT ASSESSMENT POLICY"

The medical school should evaluate methods of assessment in terms of reliability and validity and elaborate the methodology of involving external evaluators in examination (August 1, 2024).

STANDARD "STUDENTS"

The medical school should elaborate and implement a policy of appeal for admission procedure (August 1, 2023).

The medical school should elaborate and implement a policy regarding educational trajectory of the students considering individual context and needs (August 1, 2024).

STANDARD "ACADEMIC STAFF / FACULTY"

The medical school should promote and endorse the development and recruitment of local professionals who are familiar with the specificities of the region (August 1, 2025).

The medical school should create sufficient research facilities and encourage the teaching staff to be involved in scientific projects, maintaining an optimal balance between different activities (August 1, 2024).

STANDARD "EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES"

ACSOM should prioritise the creation of research environment and involve the academic staff in researches (August 1, 2024).

The medical school should elaborate a strategic plan for scientific research activities, setting the priorities within the scientific fields and include the results in curricula (August 1, 2025).

The HEI should create a plan for collaboration with different medical education organisations in the region and abroad and support the participation of educators and students in academic mobility programmes (August 1, 2024).

STANDARD "GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION"

The medical school should formalise the cooperation with partners in the health sector with legal documents, ensuring involvement of employees and trainees in healthcare sector (August 1, 2024).

The External Expert Panel made the following conclusions on the criteria of IAAR Standards: 3% of strong criteria, 92% of satisfactory criteria, 5% criteria requiring improvement, no unsatisfactory criteria.

Taking into account the results of the external assessment, IAAR Accreditation Council decided that educational programme **Doctor of Medicine (level: Basic Medical) of American Canadian School of Medicine** meets the necessary requirements for obtaining international Initial accreditation **for 5 (five) years**.

In case of disagreement with the decision of the Accreditation Council, the educational organisation has the right to appeal to the IAAR Appeals and Complaints Commission.

The Review Report of the External Expert Panel, which reflects overall experts' assessment of the educational programme for compliance with IAAR standards is attached to the letter.

Please accept our congratulations to the American Canadian School of Medicine with the positive international accreditation outcome and we look forward to fruitful future cooperation!

Annexes:

- Accreditation Certificate – 1 sheet

- Review Report on Educational Programme Doctor of Medicine – 53 sheets

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