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Sent: Fri, 14 Feb 2020 18:26:04 +0000
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Attachments: WHO-China Joint Mission on COVID-19_ToRs_13Feb2020.pdf
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Sent: Fri, 14 Feb 2020 19:47:56 +0000
To: Lane, Cliff (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Subject: [URGENT] COVID-19: DOI & Confidentiality forms
Attachments: image001.gif, ATT00001.htm, (final) DOI_EN_Form_WHO_China Joint mission COVID19.docx, ATT00002.htm, Confidentiality Undertaking for WHO_China Joint Mission.pdf, ATT00003.htm

Dear Cliff, could you please complete the DOI and confidentiality forms and return them to me ASAP?
Understand you are incredibly busy busy and I hate to burden you with paperwork, but the forms need to be done...
Thank you for your patience,
Dan

Mansuk Daniel HAN

Technical Officer

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Dear Gauden
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I am on my way. I will reach Beijing at 11:45. So I will be late for the meeting.
Looking forward to meeting you tomorrow.
Tim

Foreign Language BlackBerry 10-Smartphone.
Von: GALEA, Gauden
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Welcome Chikwe!

So glad you've made it and we can benefit from your experience.

We've had a great first day (night actually)

Just finished 4+ hours with all of the Ministries involved in the response Task Force and had a 2 hour VC with Wuhan.

Very impressive and many insights already.

Look forward to catching up tomorrow.

Bruce

On 17 Feb 2020, at 00:59, Chikwe Ihekweazu (b) (6) wrote:

Thanks.

Arrived about an hour ago.

See you in the morning.

Chikwe

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