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Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
Prime Minister's Office
South Block, Raisina Hill
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Respected Prime Minister, Sir,

The Indian Dental Association (IDA) is the largest recognized body of dental professionals in India with a national presence, and works through its 29 State & 7 UTs and over 400 local branches spread across the country to promote oral health. It has a membership of over 75,000 professionals in the country. Being an organization of dental professionals committed to dental excellence, IDA leads a unified profession through initiatives aimed at promoting oral health awareness and provision of quality dental services to the community. Towards this end, it works as a bridge between the people, dental colleges, government institutions and oral healthcare product manufacturers with the national objective of improving the oral health scenario in the country. As custodian of oral health in the country, IDA has been in the forefront of promoting oral healthcare awareness in the country and improving the quality of service rendered to the community.

IDA's goal is to attain optimal oral health in the country and to supplement the Government of India's ambitious target of securing optimal oral health for all by 2020. Towards this end, IDA has been engaged in implementing various programmes and projects aimed at imparting appropriate knowledge to the people on the basics of teeth and their care aimed at promoting not only dental health and hygiene amongst them but also the overall development of dental science in the country. A Note on the activities of IDA is attached hereto for your information and use.

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My object in writing this letter is to inform you that the Union Government , vide Section 3 (f) of the Dentists Act 1948, nominates six members to the Dental Council of India, a statutory body set up under an Act of Parliament to regulate dental education, dental profession and dental ethics in India. DCI regulates and monitors on behalf of the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, deployment

of dental healthcare personnel and helps frame oral health programmes as a part of national health policy. Various State Governments, Universities, Dental Colleges, Medical Council, etc., are represented in the Council. The Indian Dental Association, the recognized body of dental professionals, is conspicuous by its absence. Being the national body of dentists, as a convention, IDA should be given representation in DCI where it could play a significant role in oral health planning and dental education. Currently, IDA does not have any role in the Dental Council of India.

On behalf of the Indian Dental Association, I request the Hon'ble Prime Minister to consider the matter of giving representation to IDA in the Dental Council of India. I would greatly appreciate a favourable decision in this regard.

Yours respectfully,



Dr Ashok Dhoble
Hon Secretary General

Attachment: Note on IDA activities