Trieste, 31 July 2018

Dear Professor Phakeng, dear Doctor Morar,

I have learned with sorrow of the untimely passing of Professor Bongani Mayosi. On behalf of the staff of the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) I wish to express our most sincere condolences. He was a honourable friend of this Organization and will be deeply missed.

Prof. Mayosi's heritage, vision and commitment to Science, Students and International Cooperation in Research and Development will be remembered and honoured. Please extend our deepest sympathy and thoughts to Prof. Mayosi's family.

Yours sincerely,

DIRECTOR-GENERAL

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