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The Ambassador*

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Dear María Vamvakinou MP  
Chair, House of Representatives Standing Committee on Industry,  
Science and Innovation

In relation to the issues that are the body of your investigation, I can advise that:

- Within the investigation centers existing in Cuba, there are no existing collaboration agreements, at this stage, with equivalent institutions in Australia. Neither, with governmental authorities.
- In our country there are existing important centers of scientific investigation with production capacity, which is referred to as the Scientific Pole, which is part of the Department of Science, Technology and Environment. The outcomes from the investigations carried out there are fundamentally in the area of medicine. There is an existing possibility to add to those efforts the equivalent ones carried out in Australia. Cuba will entirely support this collaboration.
- In Cuba there are various aspects of science with Investigation Centers of the first caliber, and with possibilities to become the channel and mechanisms for cooperation within our countries. These are:
  - Biotechnology
  - Medicine of the Tropics
  - Cancer



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- Vaccines for traditional illnesses or new generation diseases
  - Animal Science
  - Neurology
  - Information Nanotechnology, etc.
- The principal obstacle encountered by investigators in Australia, in relation to collaboration with Cuba, is the absence of institutional relations between the two parties, and the lack of information on the possibilities on both sides, etc.
  - To resolve this situation, it will be necessary to initiate a process of identification and localization of areas of common interest, which will allow for the first steps towards a bilateral collaboration to take place, on the basis of a principle of mutual benefit.

Kind Regards

  
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Ambassador



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