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Mr. Simon Harris, T.D., Minister for Health, Department of Health, Block 1, Miesian Plaza, 50 – 58 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin, D02 XW14

10th October, 2018.

Re: Report on an alternative system for dealing with claims arising from Cervical Check

Dear Minister,

Please find enclosed my report in this matter.

Having consulted with various parties and considered the matter I am advising that a Tribunal be established for the purposes of hearing and determining claims arising from Cervical Check.

The recent tragic deaths of a number of women from cervical cancer underline the urgency of the situation. In Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 of my report I have set out, in detail, the statutory requirements necessary, pre hearing protocols and rules for case management of claims. Should the government decide to implement my proposals I hope that the details provided in these appendices will be of assistance.

I would be happy to provide further assistance should such be required.

The Tribunal which I have proposed could, with modification, have application to other medical negligence claims. As Chairman of the Expert Group on Medical Negligence and Tort Reform we will consider my proposal to see if it could have wider application.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr. Justice Charles Meenan.