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Senior Advisor to the Kingdom Representative  
of Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba  
Dutch Caribbean

Re: American University of Statia  
School of Medicine  
Sint Eustatius

Dear Ms. .

The FAIMER and ECFMG Standing Committee on Resources for Education and Accreditation in Medicine has reviewed the documentation submitted by the Governor of the island of Sint Eustatius, the Kingdom Representative of Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba and the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science of the Netherlands concerning the request to list American University of Statia in the *International Medical Education Directory (IMED)*.

According to a letter submitted in April 2014 by Mr. Gerald Berkel, Island Governor, The Public Entity Sint Eustatius, a charter has been issued granting American University of Statia School of Medicine "the authority to establish a school of medicine" on the island of Sint Eustatius and "the right to confer Degrees of Doctor of Medicine, alone (sic) with the eligibility of licensure for said graduates."

Before a medical school can be listed in *IMED*, the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education or other agency authorized for the recognition of medical schools in the country where the school is located must confirm to FAIMER that the school is recognized for award of the Doctor of Medicine or equivalent degree, that graduates of the school are eligible for medical licensure, and that the school has begun instruction. The dates for each of these events must also be provided. Since Sint Eustatius is a special municipality of the Netherlands, FAIMER requires confirmation regarding these events from The Ministry of Education, Culture and Science of the Netherlands.

The Ministry of Education, Culture and Science of Netherlands has explained in a letter to FAIMER that the recognition process requires that the "course program has been run on its full scale during at least one cycle" and that this condition "has not yet been met for the course

concerned.” The letter also states that the Ministry “cannot deviate from this legal procedure.”

Because the Minister of Education, Culture and Science of Netherlands cannot grant recognition to the American University of Statia School of Medicine at this time and confirm this recognition to FAIMER, FAIMER is, in turn, unable to grant the request of the island government of Sint Eustatius to list the American University of Statia School of Medicine in the *International Medical Education Directory*.

However, all parties involved should be aware that the *IMED* listing is voluntary and in no way prohibits American University of Statia School of Medicine from beginning instruction and completing the cycle of the course program required to be considered for recognition by the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science of Netherlands. FAIMER would be pleased to consider a new request for an *IMED* listing at a future date when American University of Statia School of Medicine has fulfilled the requirements of Ministry of Education, Culture and Science of Netherlands for recognition.

Sincerely,

Carole Bede  
Chief Librarian  
*International Medical Education Directory*

cc: Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, Netherlands  
cc: Mr. Gerald Berkel, Island Governor, The Public Entity Sint Eustatius  
cc: Marijke Tearr-Schmidt, American University of Statia School of Medicine