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Dear Laura,

Thank you for the email and for your questions. Please find our response attached. Please let us know if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,  
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Dear Christina

Please see our response seeking clarifications. Looking forward to continued engagement.

Laura

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July 24, 2023

Laura George  
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200 Charlotte Street, Bourda, Georgetown, Guyana  
Via E-mail

Dear Ms. George,

Thank you for the follow up letter and your questions. It should be noted that the appeal has not yet been accepted. The ART Secretariat did not make a formal eligibility determination with respect to the APA appeal. Because this is the first instance in which the appeal process is being used and because concerns regarding the integrity of our process were made in the complaint, the Secretariat is asking the appeals committee ("Committee") to first make an eligibility determination. The Secretariat will formally convey its views regarding eligibility to the Committee during this initial step of the process.

The complaints and appeals process has not changed since your initial complaint was submitted. The ART Secretariat issued a guidance document that provides more details, including timelines, in response to requests from numerous stakeholders asking for clarification on the process.

The Committee, once convened, will establish its schedule. As noted, the first step will be a determination on the eligibility of the appeal. Since none of the committee members have been involved in the complaints process to date, the Secretariat will provide the Committee with an overview of the complaints and appeals process, a summary of the complaints process and outcome, and copies of relevant documentation. It is not possible to anticipate the number of hours the Committee may choose to take to review and make a determination. If the appeal is found to be eligible, additional time will be required.

The Committee has ninety (90) days to render its decision if it determines the appeal to be eligible. However, the Committee has discretion to extend that period. The Committee will decide when and how often it needs to meet and whether it feels that technical experts are required. If the Committee identifies that technical experts are necessary, the Secretariat will provide information on nominating experts for consideration.

To nominate a Committee member, please provide the name, contact information, and qualifications of your nominee to the Secretariat. The Secretariat will approve or reject the nominee promptly. There are no specific qualifications required by the Secretariat. Each Committee member will be expected to sign a non-disclosure agreement and to bear their own expenses for participation.

Sincerely,

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