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Dear Cataldo,

Thank you very much for contacting us.

The Report “An Unprecedented Challenge” was a regional document prematurely published by the WHO Regional Office for Europe (EURO). The data and information contained in the report had not been fact-checked and contained inaccuracies and inconsistencies. It should not have been published and it was withdrawn by EURO (under the authority of the Regional Director, EURO).

The Director-General was not involved himself in the development, publishing or withdrawal of the report.

Dr Raniero Guerra is currently a Special Adviser and was formerly one of 11 Assistant Directors-General at WHO. At no time was he “the number 2 in WHO” as referred to in some media outlets. He was at the time in question on mission status to support the Italian COVID-19 response. In this capacity he reported to both, the Director-General and the Regional Director EURO, and he alerted both with regards to the need for checking of data and making appropriate corrections in the report.

Best regards

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