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Dear friends,

I have the honor to inform you that the Moroccan League for the Fight against Diabetes, **member of the International Diabetes Federation**, is celebrating **World Day “Leonard Thompson”**, Centenary of the discovery of insulin, on **Sunday 24 January 2021** from 10:00 am (GMT+1).

This teleconference event is organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, the International Diabetes Federation MENA Region, WHO, the Moroccan Society of Endocrinology, Diabetology and Nutrition, the Moroccan Society of Nutrition, Health and Environment, the Ibn Tofail University, the "AVIESAINE" association and the AFRA/IAEA Regional Designated Nutrition Center (Ibn Tofail University - CNESTEN).

The program is attended by eminent experts from Morocco, Africa, Europe and the MENA Region. It's intended for healthcare professionals. It aims to show the importance of the discovery of insulin, the immense progress made in 100 years and the great efforts made by our country in insulin therapy and the treatment of diabetes.

It is also a great advocacy for the use of new means of monitoring and treating diabetes (insulin analogues, injection pens, self-glucose monitoring, etc.). Likewise, it will be an opportunity to talk about the universal health coverage and its generalization which constitutes for Morocco, after the decision of HIS MAJESTY THE KING MOHAMMED VI that God assist him, a very great challenge and an achievement to meet the medical requirements and the social equity.

We are convinced that the year 2020, which began with the COVID-19 pandemic in a global panic, with the advent of vaccines, will have a favorable outcome and a rapid end, especially for the vulnerable, the elderly and diabetics.