Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Russian Association of Medical Tourism let me express my gratitude to the organizers of the Russian Health Care Week and those who have responded to the initiative to participate in it and discuss key trends, achievements and current challenges of the industry in the extended format of the Week. The expected high level of participants in this large-scale discussion platform fully reflects the importance of this event in the health care industry of this country.

Holding of the MedTravelExpo 2017 exhibition for medical clinics, health and spa resorts within the Week is particularly important for the Association. This format of cooperation of health care professionals is essential nowadays when a person has an opportunity to choose any city or country to get medical services or can travel in search of the best way of medical treatment.

I am positive the proposals and practical advice, which will be offered at the Week, as well as the agreements which will be reached, will be useful for the health care industry. The decisions and conclusions to be arrived at through networking and experience exchange will contribute to the development of health care thus resulting in the main aim that is improving quality of medical treatment of people.

I would like to wish all participants, visitors and organizers of the Week effective and fruitful cooperation!

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