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## Letter of condolences

To

Dr William C. Potter, Director

James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS) Monterey, California

We received with deep sympathy the sad news of the passing of Dr Raymond Allan Zilinkas in September, 2018.

The war against international nonproliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction has indeed lost one of its strongest generals. A longstanding pioneer and distinguished reference in chemical and biological weapons program, Dr Zilinkas tireless dedication to mentorship and networking has undeniably propelled this field in Mali and many other countries with our participation at Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) annual meetings. His contribution, and knowledge will always be remembered by my institution, especially by his mentee Ms DAO Kadiatou.

We express our deepest condolences to you, your institution and his family.

May god rest his soul in peace!



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