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NOVARTIS AG Form IRANNOTICE January 30, 2019 **Novartis AG Novartis Campus** 4002 Basel Switzerland Telephone: +41 61 324 1111 US Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, DC 20549 January 30, 2019 Re: Notice of disclosure filed in Exchange Act Annual Report under Section 219 of the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 and Section 13(r) of the Exchange Act Ladies and Gentlemen: Pursuant to Section 219 of the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 and Section 13(r) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, notice is hereby provided that Novartis AG has made disclosure pursuant to those provisions in its Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2018, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 30, 2019. Respectfully submitted,

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