Expression of appreciation to 
Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland

The Executive Board,

In deep appreciation of Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland’s outstanding service as Director-General from 1998 to 2003,

RECOMMENDS to the Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Fifty-sixth World Health Assembly,

Expressing its profound gratitude to Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland for her outstanding and visionary managerial, political and technical leadership, characterized by integrity, strength, endurance and determination;

Appreciating her highly successful efforts to place issues of health and determinants of ill-health at the centre of the global political agenda;

Commending her personal effort to establish evidence of the important role played by health in economic development and poverty reduction;

Paying tribute to her challenge to society as a whole in her endeavours to achieve a healthy life for all, with a special emphasis on underprivileged and vulnerable people;

Acclaiming her success in strengthening the role of WHO as the lead agency in health, in constructive cooperation with others in the international community;

DECLARES Dr Gro Harlem Brundtland Director-General Emeritus of the World Health Organization as from the date of her retirement.

Thirteenth meeting, 28 January 2003

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