Expression of appreciation to Dr Margaret Chan

The Seventieth World Health Assembly,

Expressing its profound gratitude to Dr Margaret Chan for her extraordinary leadership of the World Health Organization during the period 2007–2017;

Commending her dedication to partnership and evidence-based approaches to public health, and her drive towards organizational effectiveness, and transparency and accountability;

Paying tribute to her unwavering efforts and skilful stewardship to ensure the prominence of health on national and global political agendas;

Recognizing her resilience in overcoming unprecedented global public health challenges encountered during the course of her tenure;

Acclaiming her tireless commitment to improve the health of all peoples around the world,

DECLARES Dr Margaret Chan Director-General Emeritus of the World Health Organization as from the date of her retirement.

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