8th May 2017

Dr. Margaret Chan,
Director-General,
World Health Organization,
Avenue Appia 20,
1211 Geneva 27,
Switzerland.

Your Excellency,

REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL AGENDA

On behalf of my Government, and pursuant to Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and the UN Sustainable Development Goal 3, I have the honour to request the inclusion of a supplementary item in the provisional agenda of the 70th session of the Health Assembly. The item would be entitled: “Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer.”

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My Government hopes that the Assembly can accept the inclusion of this item. To this end, a draft resolution is attached for further discussion.
Moreover, with a view to permitting the General Committee to properly fulfil its mandate and to report to the Assembly for its final decision, my Government formally requests that the present letter and its enclosure be circulated as an official document of the Assembly. In this respect my Government recalls Rule 18 of the WHA Rules, which underlines “the duty of the Secretariat” regarding the circulation of documents.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

HON. PABLO MARIN,
MINISTER OF HEALTH.

Enclosure:
DRAFT RESOLUTION

The Seventieth World Health Assembly,

Reaffirming that the fundamental objective of the Organization is “the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health” and the Sustainable Development Goal 3 is to “ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages”,

Conscious that Taiwan has been invited to the WHA as an observer and made significant contribution since 2009, and international cooperation on epidemic alert and response is even more crucial now than ever, and that the participation of all the members of the international community is a necessity,

Realizing that in the fight against emerging diseases, the Organization must remain informed of the entire world health condition and be able to obtain and disseminate relevant data needed to prevent, monitor and respond to epidemic and other diseases,

DECIDES to invite Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer.
May 12, 2017

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

Honorable Kalani R. Kaneko
Minister of Health
RESOLUTION

The Seventieth World Health Assembly,

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DECIDES to invite Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer.
Thursday, 11th May 2017

Dr. Margaret Chan
Director General
World Health Organization
Avenue Appia 20
1211 Geneva 27
Switzerland

Your Excellency,

REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL AGENDA

On behalf of the Government of Republic of Nauru, and pursuant to Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and the UN Sustainable Development Goal 3, I have the honour to request the inclusion of a supplementary item in the provisional agenda of the 70th session of the Health Assembly. The item would be entitled: "Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer."

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Moreover, with a view to permitting the General Committee to properly fulfil its mandate and to report to the Assembly for its final decision, my Government formally requests that the present letter and its enclosure be circulated as an official document of the Assembly. In this respect my Government recalls Rule 18 of the WHA Rules, which underlines “the duty of the Secretariat” regarding the circulation of documents.

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Enclosure: draft resolution
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Realizing that in the fight against emerging diseases, the Organization must remain informed of the entire world health condition and be able to obtain and disseminate relevant data needed to prevent, monitor and respond to epidemic and other diseases.

DECIDES to invite Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer.
EL MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES DE LA REPÚBLICA DE NICARAGUA, saluda muy atentamente a la Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS), y tiene a bien solicitar incluir un ítem en la Agenda Adicional de la 70ª Asamblea Mundial de Salud con el título “Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an Observer”.

EL MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES DE LA REPÚBLICA DE NICARAGUA, hace propicia la ocasión para reiterar a la Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS), el testimonio de su más alta y distinguida consideración.

Managua, 15 de mayo de 2017

ORGANIZACIÓN MUNDIAL DE LA SALUD
GINEBRA, SUIZA

Enclosure: Resolution

Resolution

The Seventieth World Health Assembly,

Reaffirming that the fundamental objective of the Organization is “the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health” and the Sustainable Development Goal 3 is to “ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages”,

Conscious that Taiwan has been invited to the WHA as an observer and made significant contribution since 2009, and international cooperation on epidemic alert and response is even more crucial now than ever, and that the participation of all the members of the international community is a necessity,

Realizing that in the fight against emerging diseases, the Organization must remain informed of the entire world health condition and be able to obtain and disseminate relevant data needed to prevent, monitor and respond to epidemic and other diseases,

DECIDES to invite Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer.

Yours Sincerely,

[Signature]
Enele S. Sopoaga
PRIME MINISTER
May 11th 2017
MOH/odw: 88-17

Dr. Margaret Chan
Director-General
World Health Organization
Avenue Appia 20
1211 Geneva 27
Switzerland

Subject: **Special Request for an Inclusion in the WHA 2017 Agenda**

Your Excellency,

The Republic of Palau presents its compliments to the World Health Organization & its leadership.

On behalf of our Government, and pursuant to Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 3, I have the honor to request the inclusion of a supplementary item in the provisional agenda of the 70th session of the Health Assembly. The item would be entitled: “Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an Observer”.

Taiwan has been invited to attend the WHA as an observer since 2009 and has made significant contributions to the international community, especially in the fight against emerging diseases around the globe. Unfortunately, Taiwan was not invited to the WHA this year. Furthermore, the work of the WHO requires cooperation of all stakeholders in the international community and Taiwan’s absence in the WHO seriously undermines the effectiveness of the Organization and violates the interests of each of its members and global health overall.

Moreover, our Government is convinced that the continuous inclusion of Taiwan in the WHA would not only be beneficial to the WHO and all parties concerned, but also help realize the SDG3 to ensure healthy lives whilst promoting well-being for all at all ages by 2030.

The Government of the Republic of Palau hopes that the Assembly can accept the inclusion of this item. To this end, a draft resolution is attached for further discussion.

Now therefore, with a view to permitting the General Committee to properly fulfill its mandate and to report to the Assembly for its decision, our Government formally requests that the present letter and its enclosure be circulated as an official document of the Assembly. In this respect, our Government recalls Rule 18 of the WHA Rules, which underlines “the duty of the Secretariat” regarding the circulation of documents.
Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Hon. Emais Roberts, M.D.
Minister of Health
Government of the Republic of Palau

Enclosure: 1/
DRAFT RESOLUTION

The Seventieth World Health Assembly.

Reaffirming that the fundamental objective of the Organization is “the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health” and the Sustainable Development Goal 3 is to “ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages”.

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Realizing that in the fight against emerging diseases, the Organization must remain informed of the entire world health condition and be able to obtain and disseminate relevant data needed to prevent, monitor and respond to epidemic and other diseases.

DECIDES to invite Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer.
Dear Director General,

I have the pleasure to address your Excellency on behalf of my Government, pursuant rule 12 of the rules of procedures of the Assembly and the UN Sustainable Development Goal 3, and have the honour to request the inclusion of a supplementary item in the provisional agenda of the 70th Session of the World Health Assembly (WHA). The item would be entitled: "Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer".

It is important to recall that Taiwan has been invited to attend the WHA as an observer since 2009, and has made significant contributions to the international community, among them, in the fight of emerging diseases around the globe. Unfortunately, we see that Taiwan has not been issued an invitation this year, situation that convinces us that the abovementioned request is needed.

The Republic of Paraguay understands that the work of the WHO requires the full engagement of all stakeholders, and that Taiwan’s absence seriously undermines the effectiveness of the organization and its objectives; we are certain that the continuous inclusion of Taiwan in the work of the WHA would be beneficial to the WHO and all parties concerned, and will help to realize the SDG 3 of the 2030 agenda.

My Government hopes that the Assembly will accept the inclusion of this item, and in order to help the General Committee to fulfil its mandate and report it to the Assembly for its final decision, we formally request that the present letter and it attachment be circulated as an official document of the WHA, pursuant Rule 18 of the WHA which underlines the duty of the secretariat, regarding the circulation of documents.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ambassador Juan Esteban Aguirre Martínez
Permanent Representative

To Her Excellency
Doctor Margaret Chan
General Director of the World Health Organization
Geneva, Switzerland

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Señora Directora General:

Tengo el honor de dirigirme a Vuestra Excelencia con el objeto de solicitar la inclusión de un tema suplementario en el programa provisional del 70º período de sesiones de la Asamblea de la Salud, titulado "Invitar a Taiwán a participar en la Asamblea Mundial de la Salud como observador".

Al respecto, el presente pedido se fundamenta en que Taiwán ha sido invitado a asistir a la Asamblea Mundial de la Salud como observador desde 2009; y al mismo tiempo, ha realizado contribuciones significativas a la comunidad internacional en diversas áreas, sobre todo en el estudio de enfermedades emergentes. En tal sentido, la ausencia de Taiwán en la OMS socava gravemente la eficacia de la Organización, viola los intereses de los miembros y la salud global en general.

Por otra parte, mi Gobierno está convencido de que la participación de Taiwán en la Asamblea Mundial de la Salud se enmarca en el Objetivo 3 de la Agenda 2030 para el Desarrollo Sostenible (ODS 3), referente al compromiso de todos de garantizar vidas saludables y promover el bienestar de todos en todas las edades para el 2030. A tal efecto, mi Gobierno espera que la Asamblea pueda aceptar la inclusión de este punto, para lo cual se adjunta un proyecto de resolución para su discusión correspondiente.

Asimismo, ruego que la presente carta y su anexo se distribuyan como documento oficial de la Asamblea, en virtud del punto 18 del Reglamento de la Asamblea Mundial de la Salud.

Hugo propicia la oportunidad para expresar a Vuestra Excelencia los sentimientos de mi más distinguida consideración y estima.

Oscar Cabello Sarubbi
Ministro Sustituto

A Su Excelencia
Doctora Margaret Chan
Directora General
Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS)
Ginebra, Suiza
DRAFT RESOLUTION

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DECIDES to invite Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer.
Note Verbal

The High Commission of St. Kitts and Nevis presents its compliments to the World Health Organisation and has the honour to deposit a letter from Mr Mark A. G. Brantley, Minister of Foreign Affairs of St. Kitts and Nevis, addressed to H.E. Dr Margaret Chan, Director General.

The High Commission of St. Kitts and Nevis avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the World Health Organisation the assurances of its highest consideration.

London
11 May 2015

HE Dr Margaret Chan
Director General
World Health Organization
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Switzerland

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8th May, 2017

Dr. Margaret Chan
Director General
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REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL AGENDA

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis, and pursuant to Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and the UN Sustainable Development Goal 3, I have the honour to request the inclusion of a supplementary item in the provisional agenda of the 70th session of the Health Assembly. The item would be entitled: "Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer."

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Enclosure: 1

Yours sincerely,

Mark A.G. Brantley (Honorable)
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Aviation
DRAFT RESOLUTION

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Ref. No. 350[7]

Note no. 361/2017

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Commerce of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the World Health Organisation and has the honor to refer to the 70th Session of the Health Assembly.

The Ministry has the honor to transmit herewith a letter and a Draft Resolution from Honorable Sir Louis Straker, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Commerce of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines addressed to Dr. Margaret Chan, Director General of the World Health Organisation regarding a request for the inclusion of a supplementary item in the provisional agenda of the 70th Session of the Health Assembly.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Commerce of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the World Health Organisation, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Kingstown

8th May, 2017
Dr. Margaret Chan  
Director-General  
World Health Organization  
Avenue Appia 20  
1211 Geneva 27  
Switzerland

8 May 2017

REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL AGENDA

Dear Director-General Chan,

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Please accept, Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Sir Louis Straker
Deputy Prime Minister
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Commerce and Trade

Enclosure: 1/
DRAFT RESOLUTION

The Seventieth World Health Assembly,

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REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL AGENDA

WHO Secretariat,

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Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Hon. Dr. Vaalai Aighanu Kalima
Minister of Health & Medical Services
(DRAFT RESOLUTION)

The Seventieth World Health Assembly,

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DECIDES to invite Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer.
REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM – SEVENTIETH SESSION OF THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY.

On behalf of my Government, and pursuant to Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and the UN Sustainable Development Goal 3, I have the honour to request the inclusion of a supplementary item in the provisional agenda of the 70th Session of the Health Assembly. The item would be entitled: “Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer.”

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My Government hopes that the Assembly can accept the inclusion of this item. To this end, a draft resolution is attached for further discussion.
Furthermore, with a view to permitting the General Committee to properly fulfill its mandate and to report to the Assembly for its final decision, my Government formally requests that the present letter and its enclosure (Draft Resolution) be circulated as an official document of the Assembly. In this respect, my Government recalls Rule 18 of the World Health Assembly Rules, which underlines "the duty of the Secretariat" regarding the circulation of documents.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Zwelethu MNISI
Ambassador

cc: Dr. Ian SMITH
Executive Director of the Director-General’s Office

Mr. Derek WALTON
Legal Counsel

Mr. Steven SOLOMON ✓
Principal Legal Officer
DRAFT RESOLUTION

The Seventieth World Health Assembly,

Reaffirming that the fundamental objective of the Organization is "the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health" and the Sustainable Development Goal 3 is to "ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages",

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DECIDES to invite Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer.
GOVERNMENT OF TUVALU

OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

11 May 2017

Dr. Margaret Chan
Director-General, World Health Organisation
Avenue Appia 20, 1211 Geneva 27
Switzerland

REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL AGENDA

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Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Enele Sopoaga
Prime Minister
Resolution

The Seventieth World Health Assembly,

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Realizing that in the fight against emerging diseases, the Organization must remain informed of the entire world health condition and be able to obtain and disseminate relevant data needed to prevent, monitor and respond to epidemic and other diseases,

DECIDES to invite Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer.

Yours Sincerely,

Enele Sopoaga
PRIME MINISTER