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April 7, 2019

H.E. Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus,  
Director-General,  
World Health Organization,  
Avenue Appia 20, 1211, Geneva 27,  
Switzerland.

Your Excellency,

## **RE: PROPOSAL FOR SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM**

On behalf of my Government, and pursuant to Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly as well as UN Sustainable Development Goal 3, I hereby request the inclusion of a supplementary item, entitled "Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer," in the provisional agenda for the 72<sup>nd</sup> session of the Assembly.

For eight consecutive years prior to 2017, Taiwan's active participation in the WHA and positive efforts to share its expertise contributed meaningfully to the enhancement of regional and global disease prevention networks. Taiwan helped, and continues to help, many nations in need of medical assistance, reflecting its unshakable belief in the WHO vision that the highest attainable standard of health is a fundamental right of every human being.

Since 2017, however, Taiwan has not been invited to participate in the WHA as an observer, jeopardizing the rights of its people to health and creating a serious gap in the global health security system. The work of the WHO requires the cooperation of all stakeholders and partners in the international community. Yet Taiwan's absence from the WHO seriously compromises the Organization's overall effectiveness, undermines the interests of its members, and endangers global health.

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

Sincerely,

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**MINISTER**  
Ministry of Health

**HON. PABLO MARIN,**  
**MINISTER OF HEALTH.**

Enclosure: 1/

DRAFT RESOLUTION

**The Seventy-second 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 that Sustainable Development Goal 3 is to "ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages,"

**Conscious** that Taiwan had participated meaningfully in WHA and WHO technical meetings, mechanisms, and activities for eight consecutive years before 2017, making concrete contributions to the global health security system,

**Recognizing** that only when Taiwan is properly included in the international community's collective efforts to combat disease can the WHO's ultimate goal of "Health for All" be achieved, and

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

**Hereby decides to invite Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer.**

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PERMANENT MISSION OF THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI  
CHEMIN WILLIAM-BARBÉY 51 - 1292 CHAMBESY - SWITZERLAND

**Note Verbal No. 51/2019**

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Eswatini to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva, presents its compliments to the World Health Organisation (WHO), and has the honour to forward herewith, correspondence from the Government of Eswatini, to the Director-General of the World Health Organisation; H.E. Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus.

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Eswatini to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva, avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the World Health Organisation (WHO); the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2019



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April 7, 2019

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Director General,

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AMB J. M. NHLEKO  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

Enclosure: 1/

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Jonathan DEARDEN  
Translated from French

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Permanent Mission of Haiti to the Office of the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva

MPH-ONUG/MD/md-0242/2019

The Permanent Mission of Haiti to the Office of the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the secretariat of the World Health Organization (WHO) and, with reference to note MPH-ONUG/MD/md-0198/2019 of 8 April 2019, by which a copy of correspondence ref. no. IIC/0593 dated 5 April 2019 from Mr Bocchit Edmond, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship, was communicated to it, has the honour to transmit herewith the original of said correspondence.

The Permanent Mission of Haiti to the Office of the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva takes this opportunity to convey to the secretariat of the World Health Organization (WHO) the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 23 April 2019

Secretariat of the World Health Organization

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Jonathan DEARDEN  
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Republic of Haiti  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship  
The Minister

Port-au-Prince, 5 April 2019

IIC/0593

Dear Dr Tedros,

On behalf of my Government, in accordance with Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, and pursuant to United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 3 (SDG3), I have the honour to request the inclusion of a supplementary item in the provisional agenda of the Seventy-second World Health Assembly, entitled "Invitation to Taiwan to participate as an Observer at the World Health Assembly".

For many years Taiwan has participated in the technical meetings, mechanisms and activities of the World Health Organization (WHO), thereby contributing significantly to the strengthening of regional and global networks for disease prevention. It has also devoted itself to helping other countries such as Haiti to overcome their health problems through institutional strengthening in this sector. Unfortunately, in 2017, Taiwan was unable to participate in the World Health Assembly, thereby menacing the Taiwanese people's right to health and creating a serious breach in the regional system of health security.

My Government is therefore convinced that the inclusion of Taiwan in the abovementioned agenda will not only benefit WHO and all the parties concerned, but will also promote the attainment of SDG3, which seeks to ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all at all ages by 2030.

My Government hopes that the Assembly will be able to accept the inclusion of this item. To this end, I attach a draft resolution for further consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Bocchit Edmond

Being aware that Taiwan participated in the technical meetings, mechanisms and activities of the World Health Assembly prior to 2017, thereby significantly contributing to the global health security system,

Recognizing that it is only through the proper inclusion of Taiwan in the collective disease control efforts of the international community that the ultimate WHO objective of "Health for All" can be achieved, and

Realizing that in the fight against emerging diseases, the Organization must be kept informed of the state of health throughout the world and be able to obtain and disseminate the necessary data to prevent, monitor and control epidemics and other diseases,

Hereby decides to invite Taiwan to participate as an Observer in the World Health Assembly.



**MISSION PERMANENTE D'HAÏTI AUPRÈS DE L'OFFICE DES NATIONS UNIES  
ET DES AUTRES ORGANISATIONS INTERNATIONALES À GENÈVE**

**MPH-ONUG/MD/md-0242/2019**

La Mission Permanente d'Haïti auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies et des autres Organisations internationales à Genève présente ses compliments au Secrétariat de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Santé (OMS) et, en référence à la note MPH-ONUG/MD/md-0198/2019 du 8 avril 2019 à laquelle lui a été communiquée une copie de la correspondance IIC/0593 du 5 avril 2019 du Ministre des Affaires Étrangères et des Cultes, Son Excellence Monsieur Bocchit EDMOND, a l'honneur de lui transmettre la version originale de ladite correspondance.

La Mission Permanente d'Haïti auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies et des autres Organisations internationales à Genève saisit l'occasion pour renouveler au Secrétariat de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Santé (OMS) l'assurance de sa haute considération.



Genève le 23 avril 2019

Secrétariat de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Santé (OMS)

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*Ministère des Affaires Étrangères et des Cultes*

*Le Ministre*


Port-au-Prince, le 5 Avril 2019

**HC/0593**

**Monsieur le Directeur Général,**

Au nom de mon Gouvernement et, conformément à l'article 12 du Règlement de l'Assemblée, ainsi qu'à l'Objectif 3 des Nations Unies pour le Développement Durable(ODD3), j'ai l'honneur de demander l'inclusion d'un point supplémentaire intitulé : << l'Invitation à Taïwan à participer à l'Assemblée Mondiale de la Santé en tant qu'observateur >>, dans l'ordre du Jour provisoire de la 72<sup>ème</sup> session de l'Assemblée Mondiale de la Santé (AMS).

Pendant de nombreuses années, Taïwan a participé aux réunions techniques, aux mécanismes et aux activités de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Santé (OMS), contribuant régulièrement à renforcer les réseaux régionaux et mondiaux de prévention des maladies. Il s'est également consacré à aider d'autres pays comme Haïti à surmonter leurs problèmes de soins de sante, par le renforcement des institutions responsables de ce secteur, malheureusement, en 2017, Taïwan n'a pas pu participer à l'Assemblée Mondiale de la Santé, menaçant le droit de son peuple à la santé et créant une sérieuse lacune dans le système de sécurité sanitaire régional.

Mon Gouvernement est donc convaincu que l'inclusion de Taïwan dans l'ordre du jour susmentionné sera non seulement bénéfique pour l'OMS et toutes les parties concernées, mais aussi aidera à réaliser l'ODD3, qui consiste à permettre à tous de vivre en bonne santé et promouvoir le bien être pour tous à tout âge vers 2030. 

**Monsieur Tedros Adhamon GHEBREYSUS**  
**Directeur Général**  
**de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Santé (OMS).**

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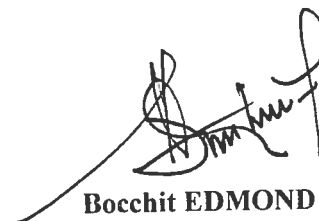
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*Ministère des Affaires Etrangères et des Cultes*

*Le Ministre*

Mon Gouvernement espère que l'assemblée pourra accepter l'inclusion de ce point. A cette fin, un projet de résolution est joint pour un examen plus approfondi.

Je saisis l'occasion pour vous présenter, Monsieur le Directeur Général, l'assurance de ma très haute considération.



Bocchit EDMOND

## Proposition d'un ordre du jour supplémentaire

(le 7 avril 2019)

Excellence,

Au nom de mon gouvernement, et conformément à l'article 12 du Règlement de l'Assemblée, ainsi qu'à l'Objectif 3 des Nations Unies pour le Développement Durable (ODD3), j'ai l'honneur de demander l'inclusion d'un point supplémentaire intitulé l'«Invitation à Taïwan à participer à l'Assemblée Mondiale de la Santé en tant qu'observateur», dans l'ordre du jour provisoire de la 72<sup>ème</sup> session de l'Assemblée Mondiale de la Santé (AMS).

Au cours de huit années consécutives avant 2017, les participations actives de Taïwan à l'AMS et efforts positifs pour partager ses expertises ont contribué d'une manière significative au renforcement des réseaux régionaux et mondiaux de prévention des maladies. Taïwan a aidé, et elle continue à le faire pour de nombreux pays en besoin d'assistance médicale, reflétant sa conviction inébranlable dans la vision de l'Organisation mondiale de la santé (OMS) que le meilleur état de santé possible est un droit fondamental de tout être humain.

Pourtant, depuis 2017, Taiwan n'était plus invité à participer à l'AMS comme observateur, menaçant le droit de son peuple à la santé et créant une sérieuse lacune dans le système de sécurité sanitaire mondial. Le travail de l'OMS exige la coopération de tous les acteurs et partenaires de la communauté internationale, tandis que l'absence de Taïwan de l'OMS mine gravement l'efficacité de l'Organisation et viole les intérêts de chacun de ses membres et de la santé globale.

L'OMS devrait vivre à la hauteur de sa vision en reconnaissant le droit de la population de Taïwan pour participer également au système global de santé avec le reste du monde. L'inclusion de Taïwan dans l'AMS sera non seulement bénéfique pour l'OMS et toutes les parties concernées, mais aussi aide à réaliser l'ODD3, qui consiste à permettre à tous de vivre en bonne santé et promouvoir le bien-être pour tous à tout âge vers 2030.

Mon gouvernement espère que l'Assemblée pourra accepter l'inclusion de ce point. À cette fin, un projet de résolution est joint pour un examen plus approfondi. En plus, en vue de permettre au Bureau de s'acquitter correctement de son mandat et de

soumettre un rapport à l'Assemblée pour sa décision finale, mon gouvernement demande formellement que la présente lettre et son annexe soient distribuées en tant que document officiel de l'Assemblée. À cet égard, mon gouvernement rappelle la règle 18 du Règlement de l'AMS, qui souligne « le devoir du Secrétariat » en ce qui concerne la distribution de documents.

En attendant, Excellence, veuillez accepter les assurances de ma très haute considération.

Annexe : projet de résolution

### **La soixante et douzième Assemblée mondiale de la Santé**

**Réaffirmant** que l'objectif fondamental de l'Organisation est "la réalisation du niveau de santé le plus élevé possible pour tous les peuples," et que l'Objectif 3 des Nations Unies pour le Développement Durable est de "permettre à tous de vivre en bonne santé et promouvoir le bien-être pour tous à tout âge,"

**Consciente** que Taïwan a participé aux réunions, mécanismes et activités techniques de l'AMS et de l'OMS avant 2017, contribuant de manière significative au système global de sécurité sanitaire,

**Reconnaissant** que seulement Taïwan soit correctement incluse dans les efforts collectifs de la communauté internationale à la lutte contre les maladies que l'objectif ultime de l'OMS « Santé pour Tous » peut être atteint, et

**Réalisant** que dans la lutte contre les maladies émergentes, l'Organisation doit rester informée de l'état de santé dans le monde entier et être en mesure d'obtenir et de diffuser les données nécessaires pour prévenir, surveiller et combattre les épidémies et autres maladies,

**décide par la présente d'inviter Taïwan à participer à l'Assemblée mondiale de la Santé en tant qu'observateur.**

Jonathan DEARDEN  
Translated from Spanish

Honduras-TRA-SE

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation  
Government of the Republic of Honduras  
Permanent Mission of Honduras in Geneva, Switzerland

Note verbal  
MPHG/OMS-126-19

The Permanent Mission of Honduras to the Office of the United Nations and other international organizations with headquarters in Geneva has the honour to transmit to the World Health Organization (WHO) the communication from the Ministry of Health of Honduras referring to its support for the participation of Taiwan in the Seventy-second World Health Assembly (WHA72).

The Permanent Mission of Honduras herewith transmits note No. 1432-2019-SS requesting the inclusion in the provisional agenda of the World Health Assembly of an item entitled "Invitation to Taiwan to attend WHA72 in an Observer capacity". Please find attached the note containing justification for this request.

The Permanent Mission of Honduras to the Office of the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva takes this opportunity to convey to the World Health Organization (WHO) the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 26 April 2019

World Health Organization  
Geneva, Switzerland

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**Nota Verbal**

**MPHG/OMS-126-19**

La Misión Permanente de Honduras ante la Organización de las Naciones Unidas y otros Organismos Internacionales con sede en Ginebra, tiene el honor de saludar a la Organización Mundial de la Salud - OMS, en ocasión de hacer de su conocimiento la comunicación enviada por la Secretaría de Salud de Honduras, haciendo referencia al apoyo a Taiwán para participar en la 72ª Asamblea Mundial de la Salud (72AMS).

Referente a éste, la Misión Permanente de Honduras tiene a bien el remitir, la nota No. 1432-2019-SS en la que manifiesta incluir como un punto en el Orden Provisional del Día de la 72ª Asamblea Mundial de la Salud de la Organización: *"Invitación a Taiwán como observador en la 72ª AMS"*. Adjunto se encuentra la nota en mención con la justificación de lo solicitado.

La Misión Permanente de Honduras ante la Organización de las Naciones Unidas y otros Organismos Internacionales con base en Ginebra, aprovecha la oportunidad para expresar a la Organización Mundial de la Salud - OMS-, las muestras de su distinguida consideración.

Ginebra, 26 de abril del 2019



**A la Honorable**

**Organización Mundial de la Salud - OMS**

**Ginebra, Suiza.**

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SECRETARÍA DE SALUD

Oficio No.1432-2019-SS  
Tegucigalpa, M.D.C., 24 de abril del 2019

Honorable  
**Señor Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**  
Director General  
Organización Mundial de la Salud – OMS  
Su Despacho

Honorable Director General Tedros,

En nombre del Gobierno de la República de Honduras, tengo el honor de dirigirme a Usted como la con el fin de solicitarle muy respetuosamente, se extienda la invitación a Taiwán para participar en calidad de *Observador* en los trabajos de la Septuagésima Segunda Asamblea Mundial de la Salud que se celebrará del 20 al 28 de mayo de 2019 en Ginebra, Suiza.

La Secretaría de Salud como autoridad rectora del sistema de salud nacional, y como la institución que vela por la construcción de entornos saludables y el mejoramiento de las condiciones de la vida de la población, reconoce firmemente el trabajo que ha realizado Taiwán en el mejoramiento del desempeño en la cobertura sanitaria universal a través de programas y políticas sanitarias como las vacunas, detección de cáncer, prevención de factores de riesgo; así como proveedores de asistencia humanitaria, cooperación médica y sanitaria internacional.

Nuestro Gobierno ha trabajado estrechamente con Taiwán para alcanzar el principio de salud para todos y la cobertura sanitaria universal, en consonancia con el mandato de la distinguida Organización que rectora; la salud es un derecho humano sin distinción de raza, religión, ideología política, condición económica o social. En este sentido y tomando en cuenta el compromiso demostrado por Taiwán con la seguridad sanitaria mundial, la salud pública y el desarrollo, consideramos primordial el continuar invitando a Taiwán para participar no solamente en los trabajos de nuestra Asamblea, si no, el incluirlos en las reuniones técnicas de la OMS para asegurar la seguridad de la salud a nivel regional y mundial.

Solicitamos respetuosamente que se incluya en punto de agenda la participación de China, Taiwán como observador en la 72.ª Asamblea Mundial de la Salud.

Oficio No. 1432-2019-SS

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Cabe resaltar, que en los últimos años nos hemos mantenido firmes en el apoyo y respaldo a la causa que persigue Taiwán para tener una participación significativa en las agencias especializadas y organismos funcionales del Sistema de las Naciones Unidas y otros Organismos internacionales, en nombre del Gobierno de la República de Honduras deseo reiterarle nuestro apoyo, y nuestra disposición de continuar trabajando juntos por el bien común, así como augurarle éxito en esta Asamblea Mundial de la Salud.

Aprovecho la oportunidad para renovar a Usted, las muestras de mi más alta y distinguida consideración.

  
**Licda. Alba Consuelo Flores Ferrufino**  
Secretaria de Estado en el Despacho de Salud



- ✉ Embajador, Giampaolo Rizzo Alvarado, Representante Permanente, Misión Permanente de Honduras en Ginebra ante Naciones Unidas
  - ✉ Licda. Claudia Sikaffy, Directora de Cooperación Externa y Movilización de Recursos
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7<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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My Government hopes that the Assembly can accept the inclusion of this item, and embrace the importance of an inclusive development work agenda as part of one international family, in the spirit of leaving no one behind. To this end, a draft resolution is attached for further discussion. Moreover, in order that the General Committee may properly fulfil its mandate and 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 of procedure, which outlines “the duty of the Secretariat” regarding the circulation of documents.

I look forward to our WHO family gathering and to advancing priorities that are critical to achieving the global health agenda for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tauane Marea', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon. Tauane Marea

Minister for Health and Medical Services





**REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**  
**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE**  
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April 5, 2019

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You Excellency,

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Kalani Kaneko  
*Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
and Minister of Health and Human Services*

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Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus  
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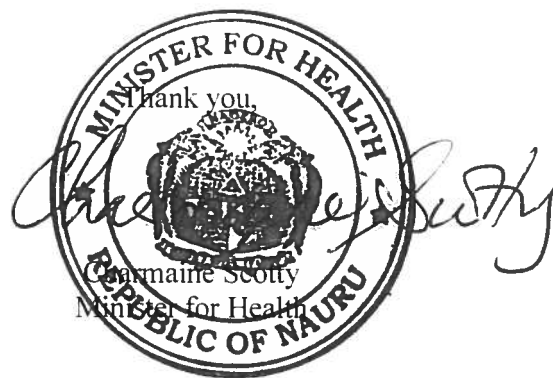
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*Republic of Palau*

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April 7<sup>th</sup> 2019

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**Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**

Director-General

World Health Organization (WHO)

Avenue Appia 20, 1211 Geneva 27

Switzerland

**Re : Request for Proposed Supplementary Agenda Item for the 2019 Assembly**

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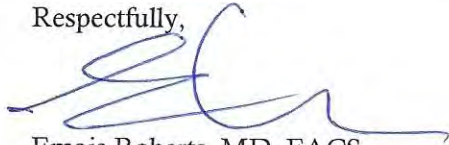
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As a member State to the WHO, we truly recognize its importance and most of all, its significance to our People and to the World.

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

Respectfully,

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Emais Roberts, MD, FACS.  
Minister of Health  
Republic of Palau

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Permanent Mission of Paraguay to the Office of the United Nations and specialized agencies with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland

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The Permanent Mission of Paraguay to the Office of the United Nations and specialized agencies with headquarters in Geneva presents its compliments to the World Health Organization (WHO) and has the honour to transmit note VMRE/DGPM/No. 315/2019 addressed to Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization.

The Permanent Mission of Paraguay to the Office of the United Nations and specialized agencies with headquarters in Geneva takes this opportunity to convey to the World Health Organization the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 23 April 2019

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs

VMRE/DGPM/No. 315/2019

Asunción, 7 April 2019

Dear Dr Tedros,

I have the honour to write to Your Excellency to request the inclusion of the item *Invitation to Taiwan to participate as an Observer at the World Health Assembly* in the agenda of the Seventy-second session of the World Health Assembly.

The Government of Paraguay believes that broad global cooperation is essential for progress towards the well-being of peoples everywhere in a way that is effective, equitable and efficient, and thereby achieve primary health care in the context of universal health coverage by 2030.

Paraguay is convinced that issues around global health should not be determined by political considerations and is of the view that the participation of the Republic of China (Taiwan) as an Observer is of fundamental importance to achieve the basic objectives of the Organization in a more effective manner.

The absence of Taiwan creates obstacles to the sharing of information with other countries, negatively affects the constructive and collaborative spirit among States of the international community and in no way promotes the Organization's fundamental role in safeguarding global health.

The Government of Paraguay trusts in the demonstrated willingness and capacity of Taiwan to contribute to the noble ends of the Organization.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Luis Alberto Castiglioni  
Minister

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus  
Director-General of the World Health Organization  
Geneva, Switzerland





*Misión Permanente de Paraguay ante la oficina de las Naciones Unidas y Organismos Especializados con sede en Ginebra, Suiza*

**MPG/OI/N° 54/19**

La Misión Permanente del Paraguay ante la Oficina de las Naciones Unidas y Organismos Especializados con sede en Ginebra saluda muy atentamente a la **Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS)**, con ocasión de remitir la nota VMRE/DGPM/DOI/N°315/2019 destinada a S.E. Doctor Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General de la Organización Mundial de la Salud.

La Misión Permanente del Paraguay ante la Oficina de las Naciones Unidas y Organismos Especializados con sede en Ginebra hace propicia la oportunidad para reiterar a la **Organización Mundial de la Salud** las seguridades de su distinguida consideración.



Ginebra, 23 de abril de 2019.

A la:  
**Organización Mundial de la Salud**  
**Ginebra**

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*"Sesquicentenario de la Epopeya Nacional 1864 – 1870"*



*Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores*

VMRE/DGPM/DOI/N° 315/2019

Asunción, 7 de abril de 2019

Señor Director General:

Tengo el honor de dirigirme a Vuestra Excelencia con el objeto de solicitar la inclusión del tema: *Invitación a Taiwán a participar en la Asamblea Mundial de la Salud como Observador* en la agenda del 72º Período de Sesiones de la Asamblea Mundial de la Salud.

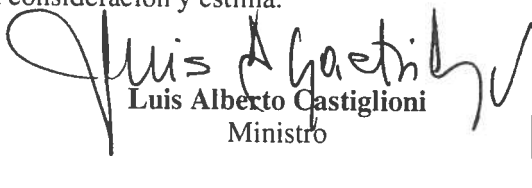
En tal sentido, el Gobierno del Paraguay considera que es imprescindible una amplia cooperación mundial para avanzar hacia el bienestar de las poblaciones de manera eficaz, equitativa y eficiente, y así lograr la atención primaria de la salud hacia la cobertura sanitaria universal para el año 2030.

Al respecto, el Paraguay abraza la convicción de que las cuestiones relativas a la salud global no deben ser determinadas por consideraciones de índole política y estima que la participación de la República de China (Taiwán) como observador es fundamental para cumplir con más eficiencia los fines fundamentales de la Organización.

La ausencia de Taiwán genera obstáculos para el intercambio de información relevante con otros países, afecta el ánimo constructivo y colaborativo entre los Estados de la Comunidad Internacional y en nada contribuye al cumplimiento del rol fundamental de la Organización de velar por la salud global.

El Gobierno del Paraguay confía en la demostrada voluntad y capacidad de Taiwán para contribuir en favor de los nobles propósitos de la Organización.

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

  
Luis Alberto Castiglioni  
Ministro

A Su Excelencia  
Doctor **Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**  
Director General  
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07<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**  
**Director General**  
**World Health Organization**  
**Avenue Appia 20**  
**1211 Geneva 27**  
**Switzerland**

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# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS

*Communication on this subject  
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7 April 2019

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus  
Director-General  
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**SWITZERLAND**

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*Minister for Health and Wellness*

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April 7, 2019

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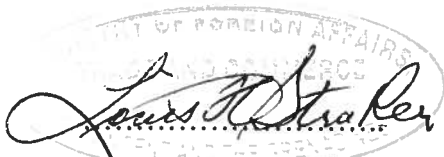
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Hon. Sir Louis Straker  
Deputy Prime Minister  
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Commerce and Trade

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Dear Director-General,

**REQUEST FOR AN ADDITIONAL AGENDA**

On behalf of the Solomon Islands Government, and in pursuant to Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly, as well as UN Sustainable Development Goal 3, I hereby kindly request for the inclusion of a supplementary item, entitled "*Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer*", in the provisional agenda for the 72<sup>nd</sup> session of the World Health Assembly.

For many years, the Solomon Islands has noted the participation of Taiwan in previous and ongoing WHA and WHO technical meeting, mechanisms, and activities, steadily contributing to enhancing regional and global disease prevention networks. It has also dedicated itself in assisting other countries such as Solomon Islands in overcoming their healthcare challenges, reflecting its unshakable belief in the WHO vision that the highest attainable standard of health is a fundamental right of every human being. And yet, in 2017 and in 2018, Taiwan was unable to be given the opportunity to attend the WHA, threatening its people's right to health and creating a serious gap in the global health security system.

Global platforms including, World Health Organization needs Taiwan's participation for a second global health system, while in turn, Taiwan needs the World Health Organization to protect the health of its people, as well as of those in the region and beyond. To reiterate, the work of the WHO requires the cooperation of all stakeholders and partners in the international community, while Taiwan's absence from the WHO seriously undermines the Organization's effectiveness, and violates the interest of each member and overall global health.

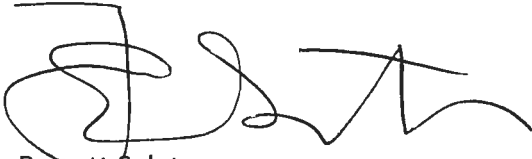
The Solomon Islands Government is therefore convinced that the inclusion of Taiwan in the 72<sup>nd</sup> WHA would not only be beneficial to the WHO and all parties concerned, but also help all players and parties to be at the table together to realize SDG3, which is to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages by 2030.

Solomon Islands Government hopes that the Assembly can accept the inclusion of this supplementary item.

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Please accept, Director-General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,



Barrett Salato

Ambassador, Permanent Representative

**Solomon Islands Permanent Mission to the UNOG, WTO and  
Other international organization in Geneva**

cc: Dr Bernard Schwartlander, Chief of Staff  
Mr Derek Walton, WHO Legal Advisor  
Mr Steven Solomon, Deputy Legal Advisor



**GOVERNMENT OF TUVALU**  
**MINISTRY OF HEALTH**  
**HEADQUARTERS**  
**Vaiaku, Funafuti, TUVALU.**

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**07 April 2019**

**Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**

Director-General, World Health Organization  
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Switzerland

Your Excellency,

On behalf of my Government, and pursuant to Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly as well as UN Sustainable Development Goal 3, I hereby request the inclusion of a supplementary item, entitled “**Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer**,” in the provisional agenda for the 72nd session of the Assembly.

For eight consecutive years prior to 2017, Taiwan’s active participation in the WHA and positive efforts to share its expertise contributed meaningfully to the enhancement of regional and global disease prevention networks. Taiwan helped, and continues to help, many nations in need of medical assistance, reflecting its unshakable belief in the WHO vision that the highest attainable standard of health is a fundamental right of every human being.

Since 2017, however, Taiwan has not been invited to participate in the WHA as an observer, jeopardizing the rights of its people to health and creating a serious gap in the global health security system. The work of the WHO requires the cooperation of all stakeholders and partners in the international community. Yet Taiwan’s absence from the WHO seriously compromises the Organization’s overall effectiveness, undermines the interests of its members, and endangers global health.

The WHO should live up to its vision by recognizing the rights of the people of Taiwan to participate equally in the global health system alongside the rest of the world. Taiwan’s inclusion in the WHA would benefit the WHO and all related parties, and would help realize Sustainable Development Goal 3 of ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages by 2030.

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, in order that the General Committee may properly fulfill its mandate and 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 of procedure, which outlines “the duty of the Secretariat” regarding the circulation of documents.

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

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Enclosure: Draft Resolution

## DRAFT RESOLUTION

### **The Seventy-second 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 that Sustainable Development Goal 3 is to “ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages,”

**Conscious** that Taiwan had participated meaningfully in WHA and WHO technical meetings, mechanisms, and activities for eight consecutive years before 2017, making concrete contributions to the global health security system,

**Recognizing** that only when Taiwan is properly included in the international community’s collective efforts to combat disease can the WHO’s ultimate goal of “Health for All” be achieved, and

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

**Hereby decides to invite Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer.**

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