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April 7, 2021

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

Your Excellency,

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, I hereby request the inclusion of the supplementary item entitled **"Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer"** in the provisional agenda for the 74th session of the WHA.

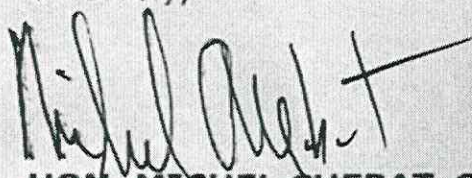
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My Government hopes that the WHA will accept the inclusion of this item. To this end, a draft resolution and an explanatory memorandum are attached for further discussion. Moreover, in order that the General Committee may properly fulfill its mandate and report to the WHA for its final decision, my Government formally requests that the present letter and its enclosure be circulated as an official document of the WHA. In this respect, my Government recalls Rule 19 of the WHA Rules of Procedure, which stipulates the duty of the Secretariat regarding the circulation of documents.

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Sincerely,



**HON. MICHEL CHEBAT, SC,
MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS.**



Office of the Minister

Enclosure: 1/
DRAFT RESOLUTION

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Explanatory Memorandum
April 7, 2021

Proposal submitted by Belize

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

Note Verbal No. 61/2021

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Eswatini to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva, presents its compliments to the World Health Organisation (WHO), and has the honour to forward the attached Letter from the Kingdom of Eswatini.

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



Geneva, 6 April, 2021

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7 April 2021

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Director General.

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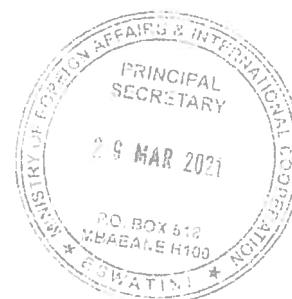
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KENNEDY GROENING
ACTING PRINCIPAL SECRETARY



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**GOBIERNO de
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DR. ALEJANDRO GIAMMATTEI



**MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES
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MISIÓN PERMANENTE DE GUATEMALA ANTE
LA ORGANIZACIÓN DE LAS NACIONES
UNIDAS Y OTRAS ORGANIZACIONES
INTERNACIONALES, GINEBRA, SUIZA.

No. OE/2.1/463

La Misión Permanente de Guatemala ante las Naciones Unidas y otras Organizaciones Internacionales en Ginebra, saluda muy atentamente a la Secretaría de la Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS) y se permite enviar adjunto la nota del Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores de Guatemala, Embajador Pedro Brolo Vila, dirigida a Su Excelencia el Doctor Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General de la Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS), relativa a la solicitud para la inclusión en la agenda provisional de la 74ª. Asamblea Mundial de la Salud, el tema complementario titulado “Invitación a Taiwán para participar en la Asamblea Mundial de la Salud como observador”, de conformidad con el Artículo 12 del Reglamento de la Asamblea.

Al respecto, la Misión Permanente de Guatemala mucho agradecería a la Secretaría de la Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS) trasladar la nota al Sr. Director General, Doctor Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

La Misión Permanente de Guatemala ante la Oficina de las Naciones Unidas y otras Organizaciones Internacionales en Ginebra, aprovecha la oportunidad para renovar a la Secretaría de la Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS), las seguridades de su distinguida consideración.

Ginebra, 4 de mayo de 2021.

*Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS)
Ginebra, Suiza*



*Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores
Guatemala, C. A.*

DIGRIME-SUBONU 574-2021

Guatemala, 27 de abril del 2021

Excelentísimo Director:

Tengo el agrado de dirigirme a Vuestra Excelencia, en relación a la 74ª Asamblea Mundial de la Salud (AMS74), la cual se llevará a cabo en formato virtual del 24 de mayo al 1 de junio del 2021.

Al respecto y en seguimiento a la labor realizada por la República de China (Taiwán) en el enfrentamiento a la Pandemia del COVID-19, y a su cooperación a la salud en general, se considera imperativo incluir a todas las partes interesadas en la lucha contra esta pandemia, así como en la prevención de enfermedades.

En ese sentido me permito solicitar a Vuestra Excelencia la inclusión en la agenda provisional de la AMS74, de un punto complementario titulado: "Invitación a Taiwán para participar en la Asamblea Mundial de la Salud como Observador". Lo anterior, de conformidad con el Artículo 12 del Reglamento de la Asamblea.

El Gobierno de la República de Guatemala reconoce que Taiwán ha demostrado ser un socio valioso en los esfuerzos para garantizar que las personas disfruten del más alto nivel de salud posible. Siendo importante contar con su profesionalidad y experiencia en la Organización para contribuir a buscar soluciones de forma conjunta. Con este fin, se adjunta un proyecto de resolución y un memorando explicativo para su posterior discusión.

Sin otro particular, hago propicia la ocasión para reiterar a Vuestra Excelencia las muestras de mi consideración y estima.


Pedro Brolo Vila
Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores
GUATEMALA, C.A.



Excelentísimo señor

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Director General de la Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS)

Su despacho



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


MPH-ONUG/ MB/fm-0248/2021

La Mission Permanente d'Haïti auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies et des autres Organisations internationales présente ses compliments au Secrétariat de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Santé (OMS) à Genève et a l'honneur de lui faire parvenir, aux fins utiles, copie de la correspondance IIC/0226 du 5 mai 2021 que Son Excellence Dr Claude JOSEPH, Ministre des Affaires Etrangères et des Cultes, a adressée au Dr Tedros Adhanon GHEBREYESUS, Directeur Général de ladite Organisation.

La Mission Permanente saurait gré au Secrétariat de l'OMS de bien vouloir transmettre ladite correspondance à son haut destinataire, pour les suites nécessaires.

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 de la Santé (OMS) l'assurance de sa haute considération.




Genève, le 11 mai 2021

ORGANISATION MONDIALE DE LA SANTÉ (OMS)

GENEVE



RÉPUBLIQUE D'HAÏTI

Ministère des Affaires Etrangères et des Cultes

IIC/0228

Le Ministère des Affaires Etrangères présente ses compliments à la Mission Permanente d'Haïti auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies et des autres Organisations internationales à Genève et a l'honneur de lui demander de bien vouloir transmettre à l'Organisation Mondiale de la Santé (OMS) la lettre ci-jointe, réf: IIC/0226 du 9 avril 2021 relative au soutien de la République d'Haïti à la participation de la République de Chine (Taïwan) à la 74^{ème} session de l'Assemblée Mondiale de la Santé (AMS) qui se tiendra à Genève (Suisse), sous forme de visioconférence, du 24 au 1^{er} juin 2021.

La Chancellerie saurait gré à la Mission de bien vouloir introduire un paragraphe en faveur de Taïwan dans l'intervention du Chef de la délégation haïtienne au débat général des séances plénières de ladite Assemblée.

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Ministère des Affaires Étrangères et des Cultes

Le Ministre

Port-au-Prince, le 5 mai 2021

IIC/0226

Monsieur le Directeur Général,

Au nom du Gouvernement de la République d'Haïti 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 proposer 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 74^{ème} 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 sanitaires, par le renforcement de leurs institutions.

Le Gouvernement haïtien est donc convaincu que l'inclusion de Taïwan dans l'ordre du jour de la 74^{ème} session de l'AMS 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. Car, l'absence de Taïwan à l'Assemblée Mondiale de la Santé porte atteinte au droit de son peuple à la santé.

Monsieur Tedros Adhanom GHEBREYSUS
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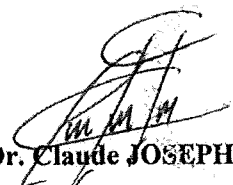
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Se trouvant en annexe le memorandum explicatif et le projet de résolution rédigés en anglais relatifs à la demande du Gouvernement haïtien.

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




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Explanatory Memorandum**May 5, 2021**

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Nota Verbal MPHG/OMS-071-2021

La Misión Permanente de Honduras ante la Organización de las Naciones Unidas y otros Organismos Internacionales con sede en Ginebra, saluda atentamente al Doctor Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General de la Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS), en ocasión de remitir el Oficio No. 538-DPM-DGPE/2021 de parte de Su Excelencia Lisandro Rosales Banegas, Secretario de Estado de la Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores y Cooperación Internacional de Honduras, con relación a la solicitud del Gobierno de la República de Honduras para la inclusión del ítem complementario titulado: "Invitar a Taiwán a participar en la Asamblea Mundial de la Salud (AMS) como observador" en la agenda provisional de la 74ª Sesión de la AMS que se desarrollará virtualmente del 24 de mayo al 01 de junio de 2021.

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Ginebra, 22 de abril de 2021



Al Honorable
Doctor Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Director General
Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS)
Ginebra, Suiza

OFICIO No. 538-DPM-DGPE/2021

Tegucigalpa M.D.C, 13 de abril de 2021.

Excelencia:

En nombre del Gobierno de la República de Honduras, tengo el honor de dirigirme a Vuestra Excelencia, y de conformidad con el Artículo 12 de las Reglas de Procedimiento de la Asamblea Mundial de la Salud (AMS), por la presente solicito respetuosamente la inclusión del ítem complementario titulado: "Invitar a Taiwán a participar en la Asamblea Mundial de la Salud como observador" en la agenda provisional de la 74ª sesión de la AMS.

El brote de COVID-19 ha recordado al mundo una vez más que las enfermedades infecciosas no conocen fronteras. Por lo tanto, es más imperativo que nunca incluir a todas las partes relevantes y partes interesadas en la lucha contra esta pandemia. Los servicios médicos y el sistema de atención médica universal de Taiwán se encuentran entre los mejores del mundo, lo que convierte a Taiwán en un modelo ideal para que muchos estados miembros de la Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS) lo consideren.

La respuesta excepcional de Taiwán al COVID-19 y su contención, así como su donación de equipo médico a otras naciones, han sido elogiados por la comunidad internacional. Al incluir socios sanitarios mundiales dispuestos y capaces, como Taiwán, la OMS y el mundo entero se beneficiarían enormemente de una mejor recuperación juntos.

Previo a 2017, Taiwán fue invitado a participar en la AMS como observador durante ocho años consecutivos. El profesionalismo y la experiencia de Taiwán fueron ampliamente reconocidas y aclamadas por la OMS y sus miembros. Taiwán ha demostrado al mundo que es un socio valioso en el esfuerzo colectivo para garantizar que todas las personas disfruten del más alto nivel posible de salud.

En esta coyuntura crítica, es fundamental que la OMS invite una vez más a Taiwán a asistir a la Asamblea Mundial de la Salud (AMS) e incluirlo en todas las reuniones, mecanismos y actividades de la OMS, salvaguardando así el derecho a la salud de los 23,5 millones de habitantes de Taiwán.

**Excelentísimo Señor
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Director General de la Organización
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El Gobierno de Honduras espera que la AMS acepte la inclusión de este ítem. A tal efecto, se adjunta un proyecto de resolución y un memorando explicativo para su posterior discusión. Además, para que la Comisión General pueda cumplir debidamente con su mandato e informar a la AMS para su decisión final, mi Gobierno solicita formalmente que la presente carta y su anexo se distribuyan como documento oficial de la AMS. Al respecto, mi Gobierno recuerda el artículo 19 de las Reglas de Procedimiento de la AMS, que estipula el deber de la Secretaría con respecto a la circulación de documentos.

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Lisandro Rosales Banegas
Secretario de Estado

Unofficial translation

Official Letter No.

Tegucigalpa M.D.C., April 13, 2021.

Excellency:

*On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Honduras, I have the honor to address Your Excellency, and pursuant to Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly (WHA), I hereby respectfully request the inclusion of the complementary item entitled: **"Invite Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer"** in the provisional agenda of the 74th session of the WHA.*

The outbreak of COVID-19 has reminded the world once again that infectious diseases know no borders. Thus, it is more imperative than ever to include all relevant parties and stakeholders in combating this pandemic. Taiwan's medical services and universal health care system are among the world's best, making Taiwan an ideal model for many World Health Organization (WHO) members states to consider.

Taiwan's exceptional response to and containment of COVID-19, as well as its donation of medical equipment to other nations, have been lauded by the international community. By including willing and capable global health partners such as Taiwan, WHO and the entire world would benefit greatly in recovering better together.

Prior to 2017, Taiwan was invited to participate in the WHA as an observer for eight consecutive years. Taiwan's professionalism and expertise were widely recognized and acclaimed by WHO and its members. Taiwan has proven to the world that it is a valuable partner in the collective effort to ensure that all people enjoy the highest attainable standard of health.

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The Honduran Government hopes that the WHA will accept the inclusion of this item. To this end, a draft resolution and an explanatory memorandum are attached for further discussion. Moreover, in order that the General Committee may properly fulfill its mandate and report to the WHA for its final decisión, my Government formally requests that the present letter and its enclosure be circulated as an official document of the WHA. In this respect, my Government recalls Rule 19 of the WHA Rules of Procedure, which stipulates the duty of the Secretariat regarding the circulation of documents.

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

*Lisandro Rosales Banegas
Secretary of State*

*His Excellency
Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Director-General of World Health Organization
Geneva, Switzerland*

DRAFT RESOLUTION

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Explanatory Memorandum

(date)

Proposal submitted by (Member State)

Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of the Marshall Islands presents its compliments to the World Health Organization in Geneva and has the honor to convey the attached letter from the Honorable Bruce Bilimon, Minister of Health and Human Services, addressed to WHO Director General, H.E. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

The Ministry requests your kind assistance in ensuring the said letter reaches its most esteemed destination.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of the Marshall Islands avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the World Health Organization the assurance of its highest considerations.



World Health Organization
Geneva, SWITZERLAND



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05 April 2021

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

PROPOSAL FOR SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), and pursuant to Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, I hereby request the inclusion of the supplementary item entitled **“Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer”** in the provisional agenda for the 74th session of the WHA.

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With my best wishes for your good health,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Hon. Bruce Bilimon', written in a cursive style.

Hon. Bruce Bilimon
Minister of Health and Human Services

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REPUBLIC OF NAURU

Note No. 179/2021

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Nauru presents its compliments to the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland and has the honour to attach herewith a letter from Honourable Isabella Dageago, MP, Minister for Health of the Republic of Nauru to Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General, World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Department requests the assistance of the latter in conveying the attached to its highest destination.

The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Nauru avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland the assurances of its highest consideration.

Nauru, 23 April 2021

**World Health Organization
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HON. ISABELLA DAGEAGO, M.P.
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Denis Moncada Colindres

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Enclosure 1/

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Su Excelencia

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Director General

Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS)

En nombre de mi Gobierno, y de conformidad con el artículo 12 del Reglamento de la Asamblea Mundial de la Salud, por la presente solicito la inclusión del tema complementario titulado **"Invitación a Taiwán a participar en la Asamblea Mundial de la Salud como observador"** en el programa provisional para la 74^a sesión de la AMS.

El brote de COVID-19 ha recordado al mundo una vez más que las enfermedades infecciosas no conocen fronteras. Por lo tanto, es más

imperativo que nunca incluir a todas las partes relevantes y actores interesadas en la lucha contra esta pandemia. Los servicios médicos y el sistema de atención médica universal de Taiwán se encuentran entre los mejores del mundo, lo que convierte a Taiwán en un modelo ideal para ser considerado por muchos estados miembros de la OMS. La respuesta excepcional de Taiwán y la contención del COVID-19, así como su donación de equipos médicos a otras naciones, han sido elogiadas por la comunidad internacional. Al incluir socios de salud mundial dispuestos y capaces, como Taiwán, la OMS y el mundo entero se beneficiarían enormemente de una mejor recuperación juntos.

Antes de 2017, Taiwán fue invitado a participar en la AMS como observador durante ocho años consecutivos. La profesionalidad y

la experiencia de Taiwán fueron ampliamente reconocidas y aclamadas por la OMS y sus miembros. Taiwán ha demostrado al mundo que es un socio valioso e indispensable en el esfuerzo colectivo para garantizar que todas las personas disfruten del más alto nivel posible de salud. En esta coyuntura crítica, es vital que la OMS invite una vez más a Taiwán a asistir a la AMS e incluir a Taiwán en todas las reuniones, mecanismos y actividades de la OMS, salvaguardando así el derecho a la salud de los 23.5 millones de habitantes de Taiwán.

Mi Gobierno espera que la AMS acepte la inclusión de este tema. A tal efecto, se adjunta un proyecto de resolución y un memorando explicativo para su posterior discusión. Además, para que la Comisión General pueda cumplir debidamente su mandato e informar a la AMS para su decisión final,

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Managua, 21 de Abril, 2021



Denis Moncada Colindres

Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores

República de Nicaragua

Anexo: 1/

PROYECTO DE RESOLUCIÓN

La 74a Asamblea Mundial de la Salud,

Reafirmando que el objetivo fundamental de la OMS es que todos los pueblos alcancen el más alto nivel de salud posible y que el Objetivo de Desarrollo Sostenible 3 es garantizar una vida sana y promover el bienestar de todos, en todas las edades;

Reconociendo que la pandemia de COVID-19 es una tragedia humana y una crisis de salud global que también representa una gran amenaza para la economía mundial, y que la experiencia y la pericia de Taiwán para abordar el brote de COVID-19 podrían ser valiosas para el esfuerzo global para recuperarse mejor juntos;

Expresando grave preocupación por el hecho de que Taiwán, como miembro indispensable de la comunidad internacional, no esté plenamente incluido en todas las reuniones técnicas, los mecanismos y las actividades de la OMS;

Consciente de que Taiwán, una fuerza para el bien en el mundo, participó en la AMS como observador durante ocho años consecutivos antes de 2017, haciendo contribuciones concretas al sistema mundial de seguridad sanitaria;

Reconociendo que solo cuando se incluya a Taiwán directa y adecuadamente en el esfuerzo colectivo de la comunidad internacional para combatir las enfermedades se podrá alcanzar el objetivo final de la OMS de Salud para Todos; y

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Por la presente decide invitar a Taiwán a participar en la Asamblea Mundial de la Salud como observador.

Exposición de motivos
(fecha)

Propuesta presentada por (Estado miembro)

Invitando a Taiwán a participar en la Asamblea Mundial de la Salud como observador

(Estado Miembro) considera que un debate en la 74a Asamblea Mundial de la Salud sobre la participación de Taiwán es necesario y oportuno por las siguientes razones:

Relevancia

- La propuesta está directamente relacionada con el Objetivo de Desarrollo Sostenible 3, garantizar una vida sana y promover el bienestar para todos, en todas las edades para 2030, y la implementación del Reglamento Sanitario Internacional (2005).
- La participación de Taiwán en la AMS es un problema de salud, no político. Taiwán fue invitado a la AMS como observador durante ocho años consecutivos desde 2009 hasta 2016. Su participación fue bien recibida y reconocida.

- Taiwán ha contenido efectivamente la propagación de COVID-19. Además, se ha dedicado a la respuesta mundial a la pandemia con el espíritu de "Taiwán puede ayudar, Taiwán está ayudando":

i. Una vez que Taiwán estabilizó su contención del virus y se aseguró de que la gente tuviera suficiente acceso a los recursos médicos, comenzó a apoyar a los países necesitados mediante la donación de equipos médicos y suministros antipandémicos. Taiwán ha donado 54 millones de mascarillas quirúrgicas, 1.16 millones de mascarillas N95, 380,000 batas de aislamiento y 128,400 termómetros (para tomar la temperatura en la frente) a más de 80 países.

- ii. Taiwán continúa compartiendo su experiencia en contener el COVID-19 con profesionales y académicos de la salud pública mundial a través de foros relacionados al tema, como la Reunión de Alto Nivel de APEC sobre salud y economía, el Marco de Cooperación y Capacitación Global y reuniones bilaterales virtuales. A fines de 2020, Taiwán había celebrado casi 140 conferencias virtuales, compartiendo el Modelo de Taiwán con expertos de gobiernos, hospitales, universidades y grupos de expertos en 60 países.
- El gobierno de Taiwán está ayudando activamente a sus fabricantes nacionales con la esperanza de acelerar el desarrollo y la producción de vacunas eficaces. La participación integral de Taiwán y su contribución al sistema internacional de

cadena de suministro de COVID-19, así como las plataformas de diagnóstico, vacunas y terapéuticas a nivel mundial, ayudarían a salvaguardar el derecho humano fundamental a la salud, según lo estipulado en la Constitución de la OMS y la visión de no dejar a nadie atrás, apoyado en los ODS de la ONU.

- La inclusión de Taiwán en la OMS mejoraría en gran medida la lucha mundial contra las epidemias y su prevención, garantizando así el derecho a la salud de los 23.5 millones de habitantes de Taiwán y beneficiando también al mundo. Instamos a la OMS a invitar a Taiwán a participar en la AMS como observador y otorgar a Taiwán una participación plena en todas las reuniones, mecanismos y actividades de la OMS.



EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU

Note No. 002/ERP-WHO/2021

The Embassy of the Republic of Palau presents its compliments to the World Health Organization – Regional Office for the Western Pacific and has the honor of requesting the latter's kind assistance with ensuring the prompt delivery of the enclosed letter with Serial No. 21-140, from His Excellency Surangel S. Whipps, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, addressed to His Excellency Dr. Tedros Adhanom, Director General, World Health Organization.

The Embassy of the Republic of Palau avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the World Health Organization – Regional Office for the Western Pacific the assurances of its highest consideration.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES





REPUBLIC OF PALAU
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April 7, 2021
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H.E. Dr. Tedros Adhanom
Director-General
World Health Organization (WHO)
Geneva, Switzerland

RE: PROPOSAL FOR SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM

Your Excellency,

On behalf of my Government, and pursuant to Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, I hereby request the inclusion of the supplementary item entitled **“Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer”** in the provisional agenda for the 74th session of the WHA.

The outbreak of COVID-19 has reminded the world once again that infectious diseases know no borders. Thus, it is more imperative than ever to include all relevant parties and stakeholders in combating this pandemic. The continued exclusion of Taiwan from the World Health Organization has seriously compromised WHO's overall disease prevention efforts, undermined the interests of its members, and endangered global health. Taiwan's medical services and universal health care system are among the world's best, making Taiwan an ideal model for many WHO member states to consider. Taiwan's exceptional response to and containment of COVID-19, as well as its donation of medical equipment to other nations, have been lauded by the international community. By including willing and capable global health partners such as Taiwan, WHO and the entire world would benefit greatly in recovering better together.

Prior to 2017, Taiwan was invited to participate in the WHA as an observer for eight consecutive years. Taiwan's professionalism and expertise were widely recognized and acclaimed by WHO and its members. Taiwan has proven to the world that it is a valuable and indispensable partner in the collective effort to ensure that all people enjoy the highest attainable standard of health. At this critical juncture, it is vital for WHO to once again invite Taiwan to attend the WHA and include Taiwan in all WHO meetings, mechanisms, and activities, thereby safeguarding the right to health of the 23.5 million people of Taiwan.

My Government hopes that the WHA will accept the inclusion of this item. To this end, a draft resolution and an explanatory memorandum are attached for further discussion. Moreover, in order that the General Committee may properly fulfill its mandate and report to



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

Respectfully,

Surangel S. Whipps, Jr.
President
Republic of Palau

Enclosure: 1/

DRAFT RESOLUTION

The Seventy-Fourth World Health Assembly,

Reaffirming that the fundamental objective of WHO 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;

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Proposal submitted by the Republic of Palau

Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer

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- The proposal is directly linked to Sustainable Development Goal 3—ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages by 2030—and the implementation of the International Health Regulations(2005).
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- Taiwan has effectively contained the spread of COVID-19, despite its proximity to China. It has furthermore devoted itself to the global pandemic response in the spirit of "Taiwan can help, Taiwan is helping":
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level, would help safeguard the fundamental human right to health as stipulated in the WHO Constitution and the vision of leaving no one behind espoused in the UN SDGs.

- Taiwan's inclusion in WHO would greatly enhance the global fight against and prevention of epidemics, thereby guaranteeing the right to health of Taiwan's 23.5 million people and also benefiting the world. We urge WHO to invite Taiwan to participate in the WHA as an observer and grant Taiwan full participation in all WHO meetings, mechanisms, and activities.



23rd April, 2021

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

Dear Dr. Ghebreyesus

On behalf of my Government, and pursuant to Rule 12 of the Rules and Procedure of the World Health Assembly, 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 74th session of the Assembly.

The outbreak of COVID-19 has reminded the global environment that infectious diseases ‘knows no borders. Thus, increasingly, it is an imperative to include all relevant parties and stakeholders and an ‘all society approach’ to combat the pandemic. The continued exclusion of Taiwan from the World Health Organization/Assembly has seriously compromised WHO’s overall disease prevention efforts, undermined the interests of its members, and endangered global health. To note, Taiwan’s medical services and universal health care system are among the world’s best. As such, Taiwan should be considered an ideal model for many WHO-member states to contemplate. Moreover, Taiwan’s exceptional response to and containment of COVID-19, as well as its donation of medical equipment to other nations, have been lauded by the international community. By including willing and capable global health partners such as Taiwan to participate in the WHA, the WHO and the entire world would benefit greatly in recovering better together.

For eight consecutive years prior to 2017, Taiwan was invited to participate as an observer in the WHA. Taiwan’s professionalism and expertise were widely recognized and acclaimed by WHO and its members. Taiwan has proven to the world that it is a valuable and indispensable partner in the collective effort to ensure that everyone and all people enjoy the highest attainable standard of health. At this critical juncture, it is vital for WHO to once again invite Taiwan to attend the WHA and include Taiwan in all WHO meetings, mechanisms and activities, thereby safeguarding the right to health of the 23.5 million people of Taiwan and ensuring that no one is left behind.

My Government trusts that the Assembly can accept the inclusion of this item. Consequently, a draft resolution and explanation memorandum are attached for further discussion. Furthermore, 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 this letter of request and enclosure be circulated as an official document of the Assembly. In this regard, 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 assurance of my highest esteem and consideration.

Enclosure: 1/

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Hon. Akilah Byron-Nisbett
Minister of Health, et al

DRAFT RESOLUTION

The Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly,

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

Acknowledging that the COVID-19 pandemic is a human tragedy and a global health crisis that also poses a major threat to the world economy, and that Taiwan’s experience and expertise in addressing the COVID-19 outbreak could be valuable to the global effort to recovering better together;

Expressing grave concern that Taiwan, as an indispensable member of the international community, is not fully included in all WHO technical meetings, mechanisms, and activities;

Conscious that Taiwan, a force for good in the world, participated in the WHA as an observer for eight consecutive years prior to 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 WHO’s ultimate goal of “Health for All” be achieved; and

Realizing that in the fight against COVID-19 and emerging diseases, WHO must remain informed of all 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.

Explanation Memorandum

Proposal submitted by St. Kitts and Nevis

Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer

St. Kitts and Nevis considers that a discussion at the 74th World Health Assembly on Taiwan's participation is necessary and timely for the following reasons:

Relevance

1. The proposal is directly linked to Sustainable Development Goal 3-ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages by 2030- and the implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005).
2. Taiwan's participation in the WHA is a health issue, not a political one. Taiwan was invited to the WHA as an observer for eight consecutive years from 2009 to 2016. The country's participation was widely welcomed and recognised.
3. Taiwan has effectively contained the spread of COVID-19, despite its proximity to China. Furthermore, Taiwan has devoted much efforts to the global pandemic response in the spirit of "Taiwan can help, Taiwan is helping".
 - i. Once Taiwan had stabilized its containment of the virus and ensured that people had sufficient access to medical resources, it began to support countries in need by donating medical equipment and antipandemic supplies. Taiwan has donated 54 million surgical masks, 1.16 million N95 masks, 380,000 isolation gowns, and 128,400 forehead thermometers to more than 80 countries.
 - ii. Taiwan continues to share its experience in containing COVID-19 with global public health professionals and scholars through related forums, such as APEC's High-Level Meeting on Health and the Economy, the Global Cooperation and Training Framework, and virtual bilateral meetings. As of the end of 2020, Taiwan would have held nearly 140 virtual conferences, sharing the Taiwan Model with experts from governments, hospitals, universities and think tanks in 60 countries.
4. Taiwan's government is actively assisting its domestic manufacturers in the hope of accelerating the development and production of effective vaccines. Taiwan's comprehensive participation in and contribution to the international COVID-19 supply chain system, as well as diagnostics, vaccines, and therapeutics platform at the global level, would help safeguard the fundamental human right to health as stipulated in the WHO Constitution and the vision of leaving no one behind espoused in the UN SDGs.
5. Taiwan's inclusion in WHO would greatly enhance the global fight against and prevention of epidemics, thereby guaranteeing the right to health of Taiwan's 23.5 million people and also benefiting the world. We urge WHO to invite Taiwan to participate in the WHA as an observer and grant Taiwan full participation in all WHO meetings, mechanisms and activities.



GOVERNMENT OF SAINT LUCIA

Ministry of Finance, Economic Growth, Job Creation, External Affairs and Public Service
Department of External Affairs

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7th April, 2021

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Director-General
World Health Organization
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Switzerland

Your Excellency,

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 (WHA), I hereby request the inclusion of the supplementary item entitled **“Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer”** in the provisional agenda for the 74th session of the WHA.

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7th April, 2021


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My Government hopes that the WHA will accept the inclusion of this item. To this end, a draft resolution and an explanatory memorandum are attached for further discussion. Moreover, in order that the General Committee may properly fulfill its mandate and report to the WHA for its final decision, my Government formally requests that the present letter and its enclosure be circulated as an official document of the WHA. In this respect, my Government recalls Rule 19 of the WHA Rules of Procedure, which stipulates the duty of the Secretariat regarding the circulation of documents.

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

Yours sincerely,


Honourable Sarah Flood Deaubrun
Minister



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cc: Dr. Bernard Schwartlander – Chief of Staff
Mr. Derek Walton – Legal Counsel
Mr. Steven Solomon – Deputy Legal Counsel

PROPOSAL FOR SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM

DRAFT RESOLUTION

The Seventy-Fourth World Health Assembly,

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PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY SAINT LUCIA

Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer

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**The Prime Minister
St. Vincent and the Grenadines
West Indies**

May 12, 2021

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Director-General
World Health Organisation

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and pursuant to Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, I hereby request the inclusion of the supplementary item entitled **“Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer”** in the provisional agenda for the 74th session of the WHA.

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*Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
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May 12, 2021

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

Sincerely yours,



Dr. The Hon. Ralph E. Gonsalves
Prime Minister

Encl.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

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GOVERNMENT OF TUVALU

TUV:02/21/WHO

The Ministry of Justice, Communication and Foreign Affairs of Tuvalu presents its compliments to the World Health Organization in Geneva and has the honour to transmit herewith a letter from the Minister of Health, Gender and Social Welfare, Hon. Isaia Taape, requesting for the inclusion in the 74th Session of the WHA provisional agenda a supplementary item titled *'Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an Observer'*.

The Ministry has further the honour to advise that also enclosed is a draft resolution and the proposal by the Government of Tuvalu for WHO's consideration and approval for Taiwan to participate in the said meeting on observer status.

The Ministry would greatly appreciate if the letter and other mentioned documents could be forwarded to the Director General's Office at the earliest possibility.

The Ministry of Justice, communication and Foreign Affairs of the Government of Tuvalu avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the World Health Organization in Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.

FUNAFUTI, 21 April 2021

World Health Organization
Geneva





TUVALU GOVERNMENT
Ministry of Health, Social Welfare and Gender Affairs
HEADQUARTER

Government of Tuvalu, Vaiaku, Funafuti, Tuvalu

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Date: 30th March, 2021

Your Excellency,

Re: "Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer"

On behalf of my Government, and pursuant to Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, I hereby request the inclusion of the supplementary item entitled **"Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer"** in the provisional agenda for the 74th session of the WHA.

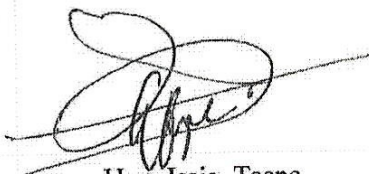
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Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest esteem and consideration.

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Hon. Isaia. Taape

Minister of Health Social Welfare and Gender Affairs

DRAFT RESOLUTION

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Reaffirming that the fundamental objective of WHO 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;

Acknowledging that the COVID-19 pandemic is a human tragedy and a global health crisis that also poses a major threat to the world economy, and that Taiwan's experience and expertise in addressing the COVID-19 outbreak could be valuable to the global effort to recovering better together;

Expressing grave concern that Taiwan, as an indispensable member of the international community, is not fully included in all WHO technical meetings, mechanisms, and activities;

Conscious that Taiwan, a force for good in the world, participated in the WHA as an observer for eight consecutive years prior to 2017, making concrete contributions to the global health security system;

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

Realizing that in the fight against COVID-19 and other emerging diseases, WHO must remain informed of all 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.

Proposal submitted by Tuvalu

Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer

(Member State) considers that a discussion at the 74th World Health Assembly on Taiwan's participation is necessary and timely for the following reasons:

Relevance

- The proposal is directly linked to Sustainable Development Goal 3—ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages by 2030—and the implementation of the International Health Regulations(2005). .
- Taiwan's participation in the WHA is a health issue, not a political one. Taiwan was invited to the WHA as an observer for eight consecutive years from 2009 to 2016. Its participation was widely welcomed and recognized.
- Taiwan has effectively contained the spread of COVID-19, despite its proximity to China. It has furthermore devoted itself to the global pandemic response in the spirit of "Taiwan can help, Taiwan is helping":
 - i. Once Taiwan had stabilized its containment of the virus and ensured that people had sufficient access to medical resources, it began to support countries in need by donating medical equipment and antipandemic supplies. Taiwan has donated 54 million surgical masks, 1.16 million N95 masks, 380,000 isolation gowns, and 128,400 forehead thermometers to more than 80 countries.
 - ii. Taiwan continues to share its experience in containing COVID-19 with global public health professionals and scholars through related forums, such as APEC's High-Level Meeting on Health and the Economy, the Global Cooperation and Training Framework, and virtual bilateral meetings. As of the end of 2020, Taiwan had held nearly 140 virtual conferences, sharing the Taiwan Model with experts from governments, hospitals, universities, and think tanks in 60 countries.
- Taiwan government is actively assisting its domestic manufacturers in the hope of accelerating the development and production of effective vaccines. Taiwan's comprehensive participation in and contribution to the international COVID-19 supply chain system, as well as diagnostics, vaccines, and therapeutics platforms at the global level, would help safeguard the fundamental

human right to health as stipulated in the WHO Constitution and the vision of leaving no one behind espoused in the UN SDGs.

- Taiwan's inclusion in WHO would greatly enhance the global fight against and prevention of epidemics, thereby guaranteeing the right to health of Taiwan's 23.5 million people and also benefiting the world. We urge WHO to invite Taiwan to participate in the WHA as an observer and grant Taiwan full participation in all WHO meetings, mechanisms, and activities.