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H.E. Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus  
Director-General  
World Health Organization  
Avenue Appia 20, 122, 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 items entitled **“Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer”** in the provisional agenda for the 75<sup>th</sup> session of the WHA.

The outbreak of COVID 19 has reminded the world once again that infectious diseases knows no borders, thus, it is more imperative than ever to include all relevant parties and stakeholders. 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 endanger global health. Taiwan’s medical services and universal health care systems 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 donations 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.

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Sincerely,

**Hon. Kevin Bernard**  
**Minister of Health & Wellness**



## **Proposal for supplementary agenda item**

**29<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

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

**NOTE VERBALE No. 46/2022**

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Eswatini to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the **Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO)** and has the honour to herewith forward to the latter, a letter from the Principal Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation to the Director-General of the World Health Organization, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

The letter addresses the request for a supplementary item, "Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Assembly, as an observer" to be included as part of the Provisional Agenda of the upcoming 75<sup>th</sup> Session of the World Health Assembly, which is scheduled to take place in Geneva from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

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 **Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO)**, the assurances of its highest consideration.



Geneva, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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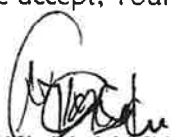


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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY



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No. OE/2.1/713

La Misión Permanente de Guatemala ante la Organización de las Naciones Unidas y otras Organizaciones Internacionales en Ginebra, saluda muy atentamente a la Organización Mundial de la Salud y se permite enviar adjunto la nota de la Viceministra de Relaciones Exteriores Embajadora Shirley Aguilar Barrera, dirigida a Su Excelencia el Doctor Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General de la Organización Mundial de la Salud, relativa a la solicitud para la inclusión en la agenda provisional de la 75ª Asamblea Mundial de la Salud, el tema complementario titulado “Invitación a Taiwán para participar en la 75ª 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 trasladar la nota al Dr. Director General, Doctor Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

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

Ginebra, 03 de mayo de 2022

Honorable  
Organización Mundial de la Salud  
Ginebra, Suiza





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Guatemala, C. A.

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Guatemala, 27 de abril del 2022

Excelentísimo() Director General:

Con gozo el agrado de dirigirme a Vuestra Excelencia, en relación a la Asamblea Mundial de la Salud (AMS), la cual se llevará a cabo del 22 al 28 de mayo (del 2022, a las 14:00 horas, en el Palacio de las Naciones Ginebra, Suiza.

Al respecto y con seguimiento a la inclusión de todas las partes interesadas en la lucha contra el COVID-19, el fortalecimiento de los sistemas de salud y la prevención de enfermedades. (Destaca la labor realizada por la República de China (Taiwán) en el ámbito de la Pandemia y a su cooperación a la salud en general.

El Gobierno (de la República de Guatemala continúa reconociendo que la República (de China ("Taiwán) es un aliado indispensable que coopera a nivel mundial para promover la recuperación pospandémica y los temas de salud pública. Con CSIC lineal, se adjunta un proyecto (de resolución y un memorando explicativo para su posterior discusión.

En ese sentido me permito solicitar a Vuestra Excelencia la inclusión en la agenda provisional de la AMS, de un punto complementario titulado: "Invitación a Taiwán para participar en la 75<sup>a</sup> Sesión Anual de la Asamblea Mundial de la Salud con el Observador". Lo anterior, (de conformidad con el Artículo 12 del Reglamento de la Asamblea).

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

  
Shirley Aguilar Barrera

Viceministra de Relaciones Exteriores  
Encargada del Despacho

Aguilar (Barrera)

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*Mission Permanente d'Haïti auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies et des autres  
Organisations Internationales à Genève*

**MPH/ONUG/AKL/0467-2022**

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, a l'honneur de lui transmettre une copie de la correspondance réf : IIC/0522 datée du 10 mai 2022 que S.E.M. Jean Victor Geneus, Ministre des Affaires Etrangères et des Cultes, a adressée au Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Directeur de ladite Organisation, relative au soutien de la République d'Haïti à la participation de la République de Chine (Taiwan) à la 75<sup>ème</sup> session de l'Assemblée mondiale de la Santé (AMS) qui se tiendra à Genève, Suisse, du 22 au 28 mai 2022, aussi, la Mission tient à communiquer, également, en urgence, le mémorandum explicatif accompagnant ladite correspondance.

La Mission Permanente saurait gré au Secrétariat de l'OMS de bien vouloir transmettre le document complet au Directeur général de l'OMS, pour les suites appropriées.

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 13 mai 2022**

**Organisation Mondiale de la Santé (OMS).-**



## *Ministère des Affaires Etrangères et des Cultes*

*Le Ministre*

**Port-au-Prince, le 10 mai 2022**

**IIC/0522**

**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 75<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 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 75<sup>ème</sup> 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**

**Directeur Général**

**Organisation Mondiale de la Santé (OMS).**

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Cette demande d'inclure Taïwan dans l'ordre du jour est surtout renforcée par le contexte actuel dominé par la pandémie du COVID-19. La lutte contre cette pandémie devrait intégrer Taïwan dont les services médicaux sont parmi les plus performants au monde. Aussi, il ne fait aucun doute qu'il pourra mettre au service de l'Organisation son expérience et contribuer aux efforts de la communauté internationale en vue d'endiguer cette pandémie.

Se trouvant en annexe le mémorandum 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.



*Jean V. GENEUS*  
Jean Victor GENEUS





## *Ministère des Affaires Étrangères et des Cultes*

### **Explanatory memorandum**

10 may 2022

Proposal submitted by Haiti

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

Haiti considers that a discussion at the 75th 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. It has furthermore devoted itself to the global anti pandemic response in the spirit of "Taiwan can help, and Taiwan is helping":
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  - ii. Taiwan has proactively exchanged information on anti pandemic measures with public health officials, experts, and scholars from other countries through virtual bilateral and multilateral conferences and forums, such as APEC's High-Level Meeting on Health and the Economy, and the Global Cooperation and Training Framework.



pandemic policies and measures. This approach has benefited Taiwan's COVID-19 vaccination registration platform, its COVID-19 Vaccination Record, and rapid antigen and PCR testing. In addition, to efficiently track and contain the spread of the virus, people in Taiwan are asked to scan QR codes when entering venues, while travelers must report their travel history and health symptoms online. Taiwan will continue to share its successful anti pandemic experience and expertise with the international community to further contribute to the global fight against COVID-19.

- The government of Taiwan actively assists domestic manufacturers with accelerating development and production of effective COVID-19 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 stipulated in the WHO Constitution and fulfill WHO's vision of leaving no one behind, which is also expressed in the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- Taiwan's inclusion in WHO, especially its substantive engagement in related mechanisms such as the International Health Regulations (IHR), the Western Pacific Regional Office (WPRO), the Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System (GISRS), all meetings and mechanisms related to COVID-19, and vaccine-related platforms, would greatly enhance the global health system, especially in the joint fight against communicable disease. We urge WHO to invite Taiwan to participate in the WHA as an observer and grant Taiwan full access to all WHO meetings, mechanisms, and activities.



*Ministère des Affaires Étrangères et des Cultes*

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



No. 691-DPM-DGPE-2022

Tegucigalpa M.D.C., may 3, 2022

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, would like to 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 75th session of the WHA.

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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.





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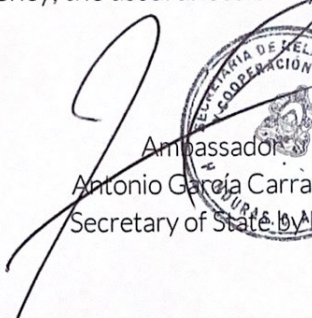
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Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest esteem and consideration.

  
Ambassador  
Antonio García Carranza  
Secretary of State by Law



Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus  
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Geneva, Switzerland.



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Proposal submitted by Republic of Honduras

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**Relevance**

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virus, people in Taiwan are asked to scan QR codes when entering venues, while travelers must report their travel history and health symptoms online. Taiwan will continue to share its successful antipandemic experience and expertise with the international community to further contribute to the global fight against COVID-19.

- The government of Taiwan actively assists domestic manufacturers with accelerating development and production of effective COVID-19 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 stipulated in the WHO Constitution and fulfill WHO's vision of leaving no one behind, which is also expressed in the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- Taiwan's inclusion in WHO, especially its substantive engagement in related mechanisms such as the International Health Regulations (IHR), the Western Pacific Regional Office (WPRO), the Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System (GISRS), all meetings and mechanisms related to COVID-19, and vaccine-related platforms, would greatly enhance the global health system, especially in the joint fight against communicable disease. We urge WHO to invite Taiwan to participate in the WHA as an observer and grant Taiwan full access to all WHO meetings, mechanisms, and activities.



**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS TO  
THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS  
GENEVA**

**WHO/04-22**

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva presents its compliments to the World Health Organization and has the honour to transmit herewith the enclosed letter from Hon. Bruce Bilimon, Minister of Health and Human Services of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, addressed to H.E Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General of the World Health Organization, requesting the inclusion of a supplementary item in the provisional agenda for the 75th session of the World Health Assembly.

In this regard, the Permanent Mission has the further honor to seek the latter's kind assistance in ensuring the said letter reaches its most esteemed destination.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the World Health Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.



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REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS  
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H.E. Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus  
Director General  
World Health Organization  
Geneva, Switzerland

**Proposal for supplementary agenda item**

**05 May 2022**

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 the supplementary item entitled “Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer” in the provisional agenda for the 75th session of the WHA.

As emerging COVID-19 variants continue to ravage the globe, it is crucial that the international community respond to the pandemic through concerted efforts. Today, it is more imperative than ever to include all relevant parties and stakeholders in joint efforts to combat the 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 jeopardized 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 greatly benefit as we build resilience on the path to post pandemic recovery.

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

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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.

With my best wishes for your good health,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bruce Bilimon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Hon. Bruce Bilimon

Minister of Health and Human Services

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Proposal submitted by Republic of the Marshall Islands

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(Member State) considers that a discussion at the 75th World Health Assembly on Taiwan's participation is necessary and timely for the following reasons:

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REPUBLIC OF NAURU

3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2022

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#### PROPOSAL FOR SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Nauru (GON), 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 the supplementary item entitled **"Inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer"** in the provisional agenda for the 75th session of the WHA.

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The Government of Nauru 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, the

Government of Nauru formally requests that the present letter and its enclosure be circulated as an official document of the WHA. In this respect, the Government of Nauru 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.



Hon. Isabella Dageago MP  
**MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Enclosure 1/



## REPUBLIC OF NAURU

Note No. 123 /2022

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, addressed to Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus – Director-General for the 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 and Trade 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.

**World Health Organization  
Geneva  
SWITZERLAND**



**Nauru, 4 May 2022**



## **Explanatory memorandum**

**3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2022**

Proposal submitted by the Republic of Nauru

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The Republic of Nauru considers that a discussion at the 75th World Health Assembly on Taiwan's participation is necessary and timely for the following reasons:

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**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAURU  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL  
ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA**

**NV 005/2022NR**

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Nauru to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, Switzerland presents its compliments to the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland and has honour to refer the latter to the attached Diplomatic Note 123/2022 dated 4 May 2022, pertaining to the enclosed letter from Honourable Isabella Dageago M.P, Minister of Health of the Republic of Nauru, addressed to Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General of the World Health Organization.

The Nauru Mission requests the assistance of WHO in conveying the enclosed letter to its highest destination.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Nauru to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva, Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 4 May 2022

World Health Organization  
Geneva, Switzerland



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May 9, 2022  
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H.E. Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus  
Director-General  
World Health Organization (WHO)  
Geneva, Switzerland

Re : Proposal for Supplementary Agenda Item for WHA75

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Respectfully,



Hon. Gaafar J. Uherbelau  
Minister of Health & Human Services

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**9 May 2022**

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

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MPG/OI/N° 46/22

Ginebra, 12 de mayo de 2022

Señor Director General:

Tengo el honor de dirigirme a Vuestra Excelencia con ocasión de transmitir la nota VMRE/DGPM/DOI/N°186 de fecha 10 de mayo de 2022, remitida por el Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores de la República del Paraguay, Embajador Julio César Arriola a Vuestra Excelencia.

Hago propicia la oportunidad para expresar a Vuestra Excelencia las seguridades de mi más distinguida consideración.



*Marcelo Scappini*  
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A Su Excelencia  
Señor Tedros Adhanom  
Director General de la Organización Mundial de la Salud  
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*"Sesquicentenario de la Epopeya Nacional 1864 - 1870"*



*Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores*

VMRE/DGPM/DOI/N° 186/2022

Asunción, 10 de mayo de 2022

Señor Director General:

Tengo el honor de dirigirme a Vuestra Excelencia con ocasión de solicitar la inclusión del tema "Invitación a Taiwán a participar en la Asamblea Mundial de la Salud como observador", como ítem suplementario en la agenda del 75° Período de Sesiones de la Asamblea Mundial de la Salud.

Al respecto, el Gobierno de la República del Paraguay está convencido de que el trabajo de la Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS) requiere la cooperación de todos los interesados en la comunidad internacional, y la ausencia de Taiwán en la OMS socava gravemente la eficacia de la Organización y viola los intereses de cada uno de sus miembros y la salud global en general.

Asimismo, en vista de la emergencia sanitaria ocasionada por el Covid-19, el Gobierno del Paraguay considera que es imprescindible la cooperación mundial para dar una respuesta eficaz y contundente a esta crisis.

Por lo expuesto, la República del Paraguay reitera su convicción de que las cuestiones relativas a la salud global no deben ser determinadas por consideraciones de índole política, porque resultarían en obstáculos en la lucha contra la actual pandemia, y reafirma que la participación de la República de China (Taiwán) como observador en la mencionada Asamblea resultaría de suma utilidad.

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**Julio César Arriola**  
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A Su Excelencia  
Señor **Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**  
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May 05, 2022

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



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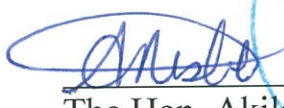
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Ref: FA/H5/001

Note No. 0400/2022

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Saint Kitts and Nevis presents its compliments to the World Health Organization in Geneva and has the honour to refer the upcoming 75<sup>th</sup> Session of the World Health Assembly.

In this connection, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is pleased to request on behalf of the Government of Saint Kitts and Nevis to request a Supplementary Item on the Agenda entitled, Inviting the Republic of China (Taiwan) to participate in the World Health Assembly as an Observer.

The Republic of China (Taiwan) has provided critical assistance to its allies in many areas but especially around health. Non-communicable disease projects and health administration modernization serve to advance the lives of ordinary people through encouraging best practices for longer lives and enhancing the ease of receiving medical care.

These are just a few of the projects Taiwan has provided to Small Island Developing States like Saint Kitts and Nevis. This work places Taiwan in the upper echelons of Health Care Service in the world which should grant them a seat at the table.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Saint Kitts and Nevis avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in Basseterre the assurances of its highest consideration.

9<sup>th</sup> May, 2022





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Note No.0413/2022

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In this connection, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the further honour to provide a further Supplementary Item on the Agenda which reads 'Draft Resolution'. The resolution cements Saint Kitts and Nevis' support of inviting Taiwan to participate in the World Health Assembly as an observer.

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**Basseterre**

11 May 2022





GOVERNMENT OF SAINT LUCIA  
Ministry of External Affairs, International Trade, Civil Aviation  
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May 6, 2022

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus  
Director-General  
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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 75<sup>th</sup> session of the WHA.

As the session will convene on 22 May 2022, I am therefore writing, on behalf of the Government and People of Saint Lucia, to express our strong support for Taiwan to attend the WHA as an observer and participate meaningfully in WHO meetings, mechanisms, and activities.

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The Geneva Charter for well-being highlights what global commitments are needed to achieve equitable health and social outcomes now and for future generations, but the continued exclusion of Taiwan from WHO cast doubt on the very spirit enshrined in the WHO Constitution to achieve the highest attainable standard of health as a fundamental right of every human being. I, therefore, call on that at a time the world strives to recover in the post-COVID-19 era, we should live up to the central promise of the 2030 Agenda of leaving no one behind and allows no country to fall through the cracks.

My Government hopes that the WHA will accept the inclusion of the above-mentioned agenda 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 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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Honourable Alva R Baptiste  
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Enclosure

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Enclosure 1/



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