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April 26, 2023

H.E. Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Director General
World Health Organization
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Switzerland

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, 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 76th session of the WHA.

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At this critical juncture, it is more imperative than ever before 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 million people of Taiwan. To reiterate our earlier position, the work of WHO requires the cooperation of all stakeholders in the international community. Therefore, Taiwan’s prolonged exclusion from WHO has seriously compromised WHO’s disease prevention efforts, undermined the interests of its members, and jeopardized global health.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the international community lauded Taiwan’s exceptional response and control measures, as well as Taiwan’s donations of medical supplies to other nations. Moreover, in the wake of the health emergency in Ukraine, Taiwan’s government and people donated tens of millions of dollars, especially to Ukrainian medical institutions, and shipped hundreds of tons of medical and humanitarian supplies to Ukraine and neighboring countries. WHO and the international community would greatly benefit from including a global health partner as willing and capable as Taiwan, as we work together to make the global health architecture more resilient and improve health emergency prevention, preparedness, and response.

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Hon. Kevin Bernard
Minister of Health & Wellness
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Enclosure

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Explanatory memorandum

26th April 2023

Proposal submitted by Belize

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Belize considers that a discussion at the 76th World Health Assembly on Taiwan's participation is necessary and timely for the following reasons:

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27th April 2023

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Proposal for supplementary agenda item

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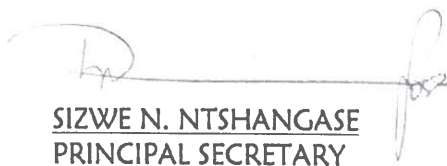
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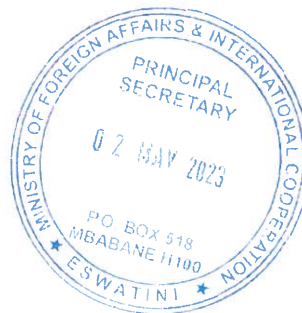
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SIZWE N. NTSHANGASE
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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(date)

Proposal submitted by (ESWATINI)

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Relevance

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10 MAY 2023

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Director General
World Health Organization
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**GOBIERNO de
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DR. ALEJANDRO GIAMMATTEI



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

No. OE/2.1/595

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 del Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores Embajador Mario Adolfo Búcaro Flores, 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 76ª Asamblea Mundial de la Salud, el tema complementario titulado “Invitación a Taiwán para participar en la 76ª 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 Sr. 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, 05 de mayo de 2023



Honorable
Organización Mundial de la Salud
Ginebra, Suiza

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

Referencia.: SUBONU-910-2023
Guatemala, 28 de abril de 2023

Excelentísimo Director General:

Tengo el agrado de dirigirme a Vuestra Excelencia en relación a la 76.^a Asamblea Mundial de la Salud (AMS), la cual se llevará a cabo del 21 al 28 de mayo de 2023, a las 14:00 horas, en el Palacio de las Naciones Unidas.

Al respecto, y en seguimiento a la inclusión de todas las partes interesadas en la lucha contra la COVID-19, el fortalecimiento de los sistemas de salud y la prevención de enfermedades; se destaca la labor realizada por la República de China (Taiwán), en el enfrentamiento a 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 postpandemia y los temas de salud pública. Con este fin, se adjunta un Proyecto de Resolución y un Memorándum 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 76.^a Asamblea Mundial de la Salud como Observador". Lo anterior, de conformidad con el Artículo 12 del Reglamento de la Asamblea.

Hago propicia la oportunidad para renovarle a Vuestra Excelencia las muestras de mi consideración más distinguida.


Mario Adolfo Buitrago Flores
Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores
MINISTERIO DE RELACIONES EXTERIORES
DESAPACHO CANCELERER
GUATEMALA, C. A.

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

MPH-ONUG/AMB/0106-2023

La Mission Permanente d'Haïti auprès de l'Office des Nations Unies et des autres Organisations Internationales à Genève présente ses compliments à l'Organisation Mondiale de la Santé (OMS) et a l'honneur de lui faire parvenir, en attachement, un Projet de Résolution et une copie de la correspondance IIC/0320 du Ministre des Affaires Étrangères et des Cultes de la République d'Haïti, Son Excellence Monsieur Jean Victor GÉNÉUS, adressée au Directeur Général de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Santé, Monsieur Tedros Adhanom GHEBREYSUS,

La Mission Permanente d'Haïti prie l'Organisation Mondiale de la Santé de bien vouloir transmettre les documents adressés au Directeur Général, dans le plus bref délai.

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

Genève, le 15 mai 2023

ORGANISATION MONDIALE DE LA SANTÉ (OMS)





RÉPUBLIQUE D'HAÏTI

Ministère des Affaires Etrangères et des Cultes

Le Ministre

Port-au-Prince, le 11 mai 2023

IIC/0320

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 dans l'ordre du jour provisoire de la 76^{ème} session de l'Assemblée Mondiale de la Santé (AMS) intitulé : « l'invitation à Taïwan à participer à l'Assemblée Mondiale de la Santé en tant qu'observateur ».

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 76^{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
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 les défis post COVID-19. Ainsi, faire face à ces défis convient d'intégrer Taïwan qui possède les services médicaux les plus performants du monde.

En annexe, le projet de résolution et le Mémoire 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





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Ministère des Affaires Étrangères et des Cultes

11 may 2023

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

WHO/02-23

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. Joe Bejang, 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 76th 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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2 May 2023

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World Health Organization
Geneva, Switzerland

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

With my best wishes for your good health,

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Hon. Joe Bejang

Minister of Health and Human Services

02 May 2023

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Proposal submitted by the Republic of the Marshall Islands

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

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

NV 022/2023NR

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 Secretariat of the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland and has the honour to refer to Note No.186/2023 dated 10th May 2023 addressing a letter to Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General of the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Nauru Mission request the latter's assistance in conveying the attached letter 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 Secretariat of the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 10 May 2023.



Secretariat of the World Health Organization
Geneva, Switzerland



REPUBLIC OF NAURU

Note No. 186/2023

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GENEVA, SWITZERLAND**





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10th May 2023

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Proposal for supplementary agenda item

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May 12, 2023

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Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Director General

World Health Organization

Geneva, Switzerland

Subject : Proposal for Supplementary Agenda Item

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Gaafar J. Uherbelau
Minister of Health

Cc : **Dr. Momoe Takeuchi**
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Explanatory memorandum

May 12, 2023

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Organismos Especializados con sede en Ginebra, Suiza*

MPG/OI/N° 40 /23

Ref: *Taiwán*

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 el anexo de la nota MPG/OI/N°37/23, enviada el 9 de mayo de 2023.

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.

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Ginebra, 12 de mayo de 2023

A la:
Organización Mundial de la Salud
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MPG/OI/N°37/23

Ginebra, 9 de mayo de 2023

Estimado Director General,

Tengo el placer de dirigirme a Vuestra Excelencia en nombre de mi Gobierno, con ocasión de remitir la nota VMRE/DGPM/DOI/N°215/2022 de fecha 3 de mayo de 2023, enviada por el Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores de Paraguay, Embajador Julio César Arriola a Vuestra Excelencia, por la cual, y de conformidad con el artículo 12 del reglamento de la Asamblea, se solicita la inclusión del tema complementario “Invitación a Taiwán a participar en la Asamblea Mundial de la Salud como miembro asociado”.

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


Embajador Marcelo Scappini
Representante Permanente



A Su Excelencia
Doctor Tedros Adhanom
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19 MAY 2023

— “*Sesquicentenario de la Epopeya Nacional 1864 – 1870*”



Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores

VMRE/DGPM/DOI/N° 215/2022

Asunción, 3 de mayo de 2023.

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Al respecto, el Gobierno de la República del Paraguay deposita su confianza en un sistema multilateral de salud donde las experiencias de todos los países sean tenidas en cuenta, en concordancia con el principio de universalidad, de tal forma que la cooperación sea el estandarte en la consecución del más alto grado posible de salud para todos los pueblos, sin distinciones.

Asimismo, la República de China (Taiwán) ha demostrado su compromiso con la salud pública global, colaborando en la lucha contra la pandemia del coronavirus (COVID-19), así como en la asistencia ante otras emergencias y crisis sanitarias a través de su experticia en materia médica y tecnológica, por lo que mi país estima que, en el futuro, la Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS) no podrá soslayar la colaboración de un actor como Taiwán en la búsqueda de sus objetivos.

En razón de lo expuesto, el Paraguay renueva su convicción de que las cuestiones relativas a la salud global no deben ser determinadas por consideraciones de índole política ni geográfica, y que en ese sentido el trabajo de la OMS requiere la cooperación de todos los interesados en la comunidad internacional, incluyendo a Taiwán, cuya participación en calidad de observador en la mencionada Asamblea resultaría de suma utilidad para enriquecer las discusiones.

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Julio César Arriola
Ministro

A Su Excelencia
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Director General de la Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS)
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09 MAY 2023



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Note No. 0345/2023

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade, Industry, Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Economic Development and Investment of Saint Kitts and Nevis presents its compliments to the World Health Organization and has the honour to refer to the upcoming 76th Session of the World Health Assembly.

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11th May 2023





PRIME MINISTER
SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS

May 10th, 2023

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GOVERNMENT OF SAINT LUCIA
Ministry of External Affairs, International Trade,
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May 8, 2023

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Director-General
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Dear Director-General Tedros,

PROPOSAL FOR SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEM

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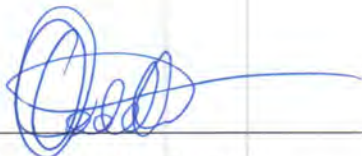
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 Hon. Alva R. Baptiste
Minister for External Affairs, International Trade, Civil Aviation and Diaspora Affairs
Saint Lucia

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Explanatory memorandum

(May 8, 2023)

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West Indies**

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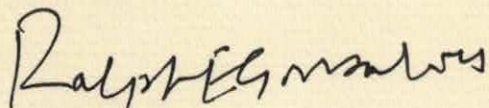
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3rd May 2023

Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus,
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Switzerland

Dear Dr. Ghebreyesus,

Subject: Participation of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Health Assembly (WHA).

The Government of Tuvalu would like to express its support for the participation of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in WHO meetings, activities, and mechanisms and should be invited to the WHA as an observer.

With the outbreak of COVID 19 it does reminded us that infectious diseases know no borders, thus it is imperative than ever to include all relevant parties and stakeholders to deliberate and work together in preparations for future pandemic. Taiwan has supported Tuvalu in our combined efforts to improve health care service delivery in various means. The ongoing deployment and provision of medical specialists and sophisticated medical equipment to assist us in improving our health care service delivery and reaching the unreachable, and to make sure that no one is left behind. All of these activities have been lauded by the international community.

In this regard, I kindly seek your consideration of the inclusion of the Government of the republic of China (Taiwan) in the WHO mechanism and the participation in the WHA as an observer.

I look forward to receiving a favorable response to this request from the Government of Tuvalu.

Your Sincerely,

Hon. Isai'a V Taape
Minister of Health





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