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THIRTY-EIGHTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DELEGATION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

Letter dated 15 May 1985 from the delegation of  
the Federal Republic of Germany addressed to  
the President of the Thirty-eighth World Health Assembly

Permanent Mission  
of the Federal Republic of Germany

Geneva, 15 May 1985

Dr S. Surjaningrat  
President of the Thirty-eighth  
World Health Assembly  
Geneva



Mr President,

I refer to the letters of 10 May 1985, addressed to you by the delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and by the delegation of the German Democratic Republic respectively, which have been circulated in the Assembly as documents A38/INF.DOC./14 and A38/INF.DOC./15.

I also refer to the letter of 14 May 1985, addressed to you on this matter by the delegation of the United States of America also on behalf of the delegations of France and of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany shares the positions set out in this letter addressed to you by the delegation of the United States of America on behalf of the Three Powers.

It regrets the attempts of the delegations of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and of the German Democratic Republic to interfere with the appointment of Dr Ruth Mattheis as a member of the delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the 38th World Health Assembly.

It is, as a matter of principle, for every Member country alone to decide which institutions or persons it wishes to involve in its contributions to the work of this organization.

My Government, therefore, regrets that the cooperation within the framework of this conference is hampered by the politically motivated statements such as those made by the delegations of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and of the German Democratic Republic.

I should be grateful if you would circulate this letter as an official document of the 38th World Health Assembly.

Please accept, Mr President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed) Hans Arnold  
Ambassador  
Acting Chief Delegate  
Delegation of the  
Federal Republic of Germany

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