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Dear Mr. Director-General,

It has been more than one year after the outbreak of the COVID-19. The pandemic announced by the World Health Organization (WHO) on 31st January 2020 as a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC) has posed great threats to the entire world that has more than 100 million confirmed cases and nearly three million precious lives lost.

The COVID-19 has changed our lives, and the global community has been stressing the importance of a united fight against the pandemic and calling for joint efforts to do so. Despite the staunch support of Taiwan's participation by many countries around the world, Taiwan was not invited to WHA in 2020. It is obviously frustrating that the WHO failed to extend its invitation to Taiwan as an observer in the 73th WHA due to injustice political consideration.

However, the Taiwan Model, based on its democratic experience of COVID-19 containment, has come to set an excellent and successful example for the rest of the world. The government of Taiwan has earned global recognition and acclaim for the series of actions it has taken to show that "Taiwan can help, and Taiwan is helping." The COVID-19 pandemic has further strengthened international affirmation of the importance and imperative need for Taiwan to participate in global cooperation mechanisms for disease prevention, leading to unprecedented support for its participation in the WHO.

No country can fight the pandemic alone. The WHO needs Taiwan to build up a robust and sound global health system as well as to complete the path to epidemic prevention and control. Taiwan is willing and able to serve as an indispensable partner in the international community's

recovery effort. Taiwan's participation to the WHA would create a win-win scenario for the WHO, the world and Taiwan.

This year, Taiwan seeks to continue its professional and pragmatic participation in the WHO, so as to be able to contribute to global efforts in the fight against the COVID-19. As overseas Taiwanese communities in Austria, we are writing to strongly urge the WHO to invite Taiwan as an observer to the upcoming 74th WHA.

Your immediate and righteous decision on including Taiwan is properly responding to the international supports for Taiwan and benefitting global joint efforts in the post-pandemic era.


With kind regards,

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