



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

17 April 2020

### **Participation of Taiwan**

Dear Dr Ghebreyesus,

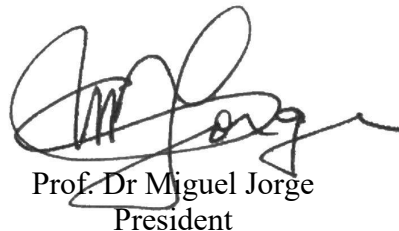
The COVID-19 pandemic has illustrated with terrible consequences how wrong and damaging for global health it is to exclude Taiwan from unrestricted and effective participation in the World Health Organization. During the SARS crisis, the WHO left Taiwan isolated too long. Now with the COVID-19 pandemic the WHO ignored the early insights and warnings by Taiwan. Both errors led to the world paying a high price.

For the next World Health Assembly-it is in your hands to make a fresh start by opening the doors to a delegation from Taiwan again.

We urge you to make such a step and not to allow the WHO becoming involved any more in political games.

Sincerely,

  
Prof. Dr Frank Ulrich Montgomery  
Chair of Council

  
Prof. Dr Miguel Jorge  
President