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Open Letter

Dear Dr Ghebreyesus,

The CoViD-19 pandemic has shown once more how important the work of the WHO should be, and yet it bitterly proves how carelessly warnings and calls for pandemic and disaster preparedness have been carelessly ignored in many parts of the world.

The CoViD-19 pandemic has also proved that striving for Universal Health Coverage is not a luxury ambition to pursue. It is an essential strategy, not only for healthy living but also for healthy economies.

The CoViD-19 pandemic is proof that cooperation for and with all health care systems in the world is necessary. Therefore we believe it is both cynical and counterproductive to continue excluding the health representatives from Taiwan from participating in the World Health Assembly and the technical meetings of the WHO. Even more so since Taiwan has so much to offer in expertise and material help.

We respectfully remind you of your responsibility to global health and to grant Taiwan observer status for the World Health Assembly and to readmit them to technical meetings without further obstruction.

Sincerely,



Prof. Dr Frank Ulrich Montgomery
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