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By e-mail

Open Letter

Call for the Meaningful Participation of Taiwan in the World Health Assembly

Dear Dr. Tedros,

As the global health community prepares for the upcoming World Health Assembly, the World Medical Association (WMA) writes to once again reiterate our firm call for the **inclusion of Taiwan in the activities of the World Health Organization (WHO)**. We continue to wholeheartedly support the WHO's vital work in advancing Universal Health Coverage (UHC), implementing the International Health Regulations (IHR), and a robust Pandemic Treaty. However, we must remind you that these critical global aims can only be achieved through **open cooperation that includes all territories of the world**.

The challenges of the past several years have shown that for pandemic and disaster preparedness to be effective, there must be **"no blind spots" on the global health map**. The continued exclusion of Taiwan is **counterproductive and potentially dangerous** for future global health security. Taiwan has consistently proven to be one of the WHO's **"best students"** in implementing public health measures, prevention strategies, and UHC. Furthermore, Taiwan possesses significant expertise and material resources that offer valuable support to the international community.

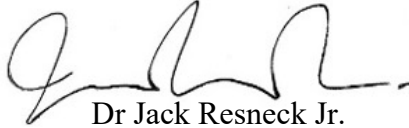
The WMA Council remains committed to ensuring **meaningful and effective participation** for all regions of the world. We therefore respectfully urge you to take the following steps:

- **Grant Taiwan observer status** to the World Health Assembly.
- **Ensure Taiwan's participation** in all WHO health programs and technical meetings on a substantive, timely, and professional basis.
- **Include Taiwan as a fully participating party** to the International Health Regulations and the implementation of the Pandemic Treaty.

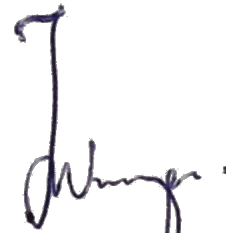
In an era defined by evolving health challenges and political uncertainties, opening the doors of the WHO to Taiwan would send a **powerful message of global solidarity** and a clear signal for peaceful international cooperation. It is a vital step toward creating a more reliable and effective global health protection network.

Dr Tedros, please **open the door!**

Sincerely,



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