REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

THE STATE PRESIDENT **GABORONE**

23 September 2026

To the Chair of the Executive Board
c/o World Health Organization – Office of the Legal Counsel
20, Avenue Appia
1211 Geneva 27
Switzerland

Your Excellency,

It is my great honour to notify you of my Government's nomination of Dr. Gevorg Tamamyan for the position of Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), to be decided at the Eightieth World Health Assembly in May 2027.

It is my Government's firm belief that Dr. Tamamyan is ideally placed to serve in this role as the Organization's chief technical and administrative officer.

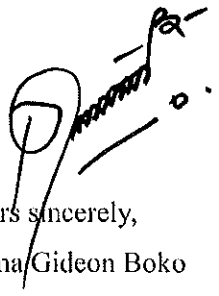
At a moment when multilateral institutions are under strain as rarely before, my Government believes the answer is not a diminished WHO but a demonstrably effective one. And a country that has confronted the limits of its own health system knows what effectiveness must mean.

I have met Dr. Tamamyan and satisfied myself that his commitment to those who are furthest from care is not rhetorical, and it is on that basis, and not on any other, that Botswana puts his name forward.

Dr. Tamamyan's curriculum vitae and written statement are attached to this letter in accordance with World Health Assembly resolution WHA66.18.

My Government and Dr. Tamamyan pledge to observe the provisions of the Code of Conduct for the election of the next WHO Director-General. In addition, we agree that Dr. Tamamyan's information may be made publicly available on the WHO website.

I stand ready to provide any additional information that may be required.



Yours sincerely,
Duma Gideon Boko
President
Republic of Botswana