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23 of September 2026

Excellency,

In accordance with Rule 62 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board and the invitation conveyed in circular letter C.L.16.2026, the Government of Spain has the honour to nominate Dr María P. Neira for the position of Director-General of the World Health Organization, to be decided at the 80th World Health Assembly that will take place from the 13rd to the 30th of May 2027.

The Government of Spain is confident that Dr Neira's outstanding professional qualifications, integrity, extensive international health experience, proven leadership and commitment to WHO's mission equip her exceptionally well to serve the Organization and all its Member States. Her extensive experience has received wide recognition form diverse stakeholders including within the scientific community. Dr Neira's experience within the organization places her in a unique position to drive WHO through a complex multilateral and global health context.

The prescribed curriculum vitae is enclosed and is also being submitted in electronic format in accordance with WHO requirements.

A joint declaration by the Government of Spain and Dr María P. Neira, pledging to observe and respect the Code of Conduct for the Election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization, is enclosed with this proposal.

The Government of Spain would be grateful if receipt of this proposal and its accompanying documentation could be formally acknowledged.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Joint Declaration concerning the Code of Conduct

Election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization

23rd September 2026

Regarding the proposal submitted by the Government of Spain nominating Dr María P. Neira for the position of Director-General of the World Health Organization, and in accordance with circular letter C.L.16.2026,

the Government of Spain and Dr María P. Neira pledge to observe and respect the provisions of the Code of Conduct for the Election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization throughout the election process.

This declaration is submitted by the Government of the Kingdom of Spain pursuant to Rule 62 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board.