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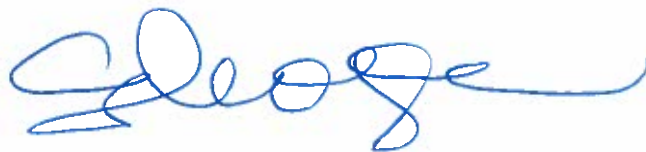
Re: Candidacy of Dr. Sania Nishtar, Ph.d, SI, FRCP, for Director General of the World Health Organisation

To The World Health Assembly

I would like to strongly support the candidacy of Dr. Nishtar for the role of Director General of WHO. She has made an outstanding contribution to the UN Secretary General's Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescent's Health, as well as being co-Chair of WHO's Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity. Dr. Nishtar has made a profound contribution to many areas of health and wellbeing globally. I met and have worked closely with Dr. Nishtar on issues to do with the mental health of men, women and children on a Global Agenda Council on Mental Health and Wellbeing of the World Economic Forum (WEF). I was Chair of the Chronic Diseases and Other Conditions Global Agenda Council (GAC) of WEF when I met Dr. Nishtar and then served with her for another six years exploring strategies to deal with the growing chronic disease and mental ill health issues globally. Her contributions were in a different league from many others on the GAC, incisive, practical, focussed and in the end effective. She now co-chair the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Health and Healthcare.

She is a very pragmatic, insightful and talented person, who would provide the kind of outstanding leadership WHO could use in this ever changing world of health. I strongly support her for this role knowing her contribution to WHO would be a game changer. Given that I have worked with many international organisations over my career such as WHO, ILO, WEF and the EU, Dr. Nishtar is eminently suited for a top leadership role, and will make a difference.

Yours sincerely,



Sir Cary Cooper, CBE, President of the CIPD, President of RELATE, President of the Institute of Welfare, President of the British Academy of Management and Former President of the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy.