

I would like to extend my unequivocal personal support for the candidacy of Dr Sania Nishtar to the position of Director-General of WHO. As a former Director of WHO (ALC) and someone who has had a professional relationship with the organisation for four decades, I am very familiar with the requirements. I am in no doubt that Dr Nishtar possesses the temperament, the leadership skills, the political adeptness and the vision for the role at this crucial juncture. I have observed her abilities at close hand over several years in boards that we both attend – namely the World Economic Forum (WEF) and the Oxford University Emerging Markets Symposium (EMS). I am additionally convinced that Dr Nishtar will consolidate and imaginatively extend the key strategic WHO work on population ageing.

Yours faithfully,



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