



Support for Dr. Sania Nishtar, SI, FRCP, Ph.D, for Director General, W. H. O.

Pakistan is regarded as a country where women have no rights, but quite the opposite is true. We have many lady Ministers' and Elected representatives at both the Provincial and federal levels, CEO's of Multinational Companies & Banks, Leading Lawyers & Doctors. Our women are highly talented, intelligent and wise.

We have from Nobel Laureate Malala Yousefzai to Nafeez Sadiq of the UN, to Benazir Bhutto, the first female prime minister of a Muslim country to Oscar winner Sharmeen Obaid Chinoy and now we have Sania Nishtar.

In any international organization, various synergies are required; internationalization, hands on experience, educational background, human interaction and a vision for the future. Sania brings all this and more to the table. I had the pleasure of working closely with her in the Pakistan Federal Cabinet, while I was Minister for Commerce and Textiles, and her talent to make things actually happen, was indeed a pleasure to support.

In this changing world, where organizations need to handle rapidly evolving situations, Sania would be an asset to WHO. With her unique combination of different experiences from minister, civil society trailblazer, leader of multinational institutions, physician scientist, with public health and health systems experience. A strong manager used to targeting and focusing on realistic goals and achieving these in different environments. Sania would be an asset and excellent leader for the progressive future of WHO.

Wishing W.H.O. all success under Sania Nishtar's able and dynamic Leadership

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Maqbool H.H. Rahimtoola

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