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Membership of the Independent panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response (IPPR)

The Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) presents his compliments to Member States and has the honour to refer to the establishment of the Independent Panel for Preparedness and Response (IPPR), and the nominations of former President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf (Liberia) and former Prime Minister Helen Clark (New Zealand) as co-chairs, to undertake an impartial, independent and comprehensive evaluation to review the WHO-coordinated international health response to COVID-19, in line with Resolution WHA73.1.

The Director-General has the honour to invite Member States to nominate members for the roster from which the co-Chairs, in consultation with the Director-General, will select the members of the panel.

The panel composition will respect gender balance, regional representation, and include members from developed and developing countries. To this end, individuals nominated to be considered to serve on the panel shall:

- possess widely recognized talent and accomplishments in their respective domains of expertise, as relevant to the work of the Panel;
- possess a broad and balanced mix of expertise, practical experience and background covering the public health, scientific, socioeconomic, management, governance and partnership aspects of the pandemic response, including dimensions spanning across sectors;
- be persons of integrity who demonstrate a strong desire to advance the work of the IPPR, with a view to ensure that the world is better equipped to prepare for and prevent, detect and respond to global health emergencies, including epidemic and pandemic prone diseases;
- not currently hold (or be a candidate for) political office, not be an elected or appointed government official;
- be able to serve as a panellist in their independent capacity for the period of at least one year.

Each proposal should contain the following information: the name and contact information (email, phone number) of the proposed panellist, accompanied by a brief biography. The deadline for the submission of nominations is 3 August 2020. Submissions should be sent to the following address: IPPRpanel@who.int.

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Membership of the IPPR is not remunerated, except for reimbursement of travel and per diem expenses. In order to safeguard the independence of the external experts who will be members of this panel, they should also not receive salary supplements or other subsidies from their Government for the performance of their functions on the panel.

Further details on the process of the evaluation, including Member State consultation and other relevant details, will be circulated in due course.

The Director-General of the World Health Organization takes the opportunity to renew to Member States the assurance of his highest consideration.

GENEVA, 24 July 2020