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Statement Concerning the United States Government's Decision to Terminate Relations with the World Health Organization (WHO)

We, the undersigned organisations, note with grave concern the United States Government's decision to terminate relations with the World Health Organization (WHO) in the midst of a global pandemic.

WHO is the only organization with the global mandate to coordinate the public health response to COVID-19 during this perilous time.

WHO plays a vital role in supporting countries to protect their citizens from public health threats, through coordination, developing vaccines, treatments and tests, training of health workers, and securing critical supplies particularly in humanitarian settings. This is as true for the current COVID-19 pandemic as it is for the many other health issues which continue to affect people throughout the world.

Challenging WHO's mandate in these difficult times will cost lives. The current pandemic affects every one of us, and does not respect borders. No one is safe until everyone is safe. The only way to end the pandemic is to bring us closer together.

At this critical moment in the global response, we call for collaboration, constructive criticism and redoubling our efforts to fight this disease. We welcome Resolution WHA73.1 from the recent World Health Assembly, and in particular the call for an impartial, independent and comprehensive evaluation of WHO's response to COVID-19. Equally, we encourage all governments to evaluate their national responses to the epidemic.

Amidst the horror that the pandemic brings is a chance, through partnership and multilateralism, to create a world that is better than the one we had before; a world more equitable and able to serve the health needs of all people.

In September 2019, at the UN High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage, world leaders endorsed the most ambitious and comprehensive political declaration on health in history and committed to providing the opportunity for health to every person by 2030. It is now time that those world leaders back up their words with meaningful action.

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Déclaration sur la décision du gouvernement des États Unis de rompre toute relation avec l'Organisation Mondiale de la Santé (OMS)

Nous les organisations soussignées, prenons acte avec la plus grande préoccupation de la décision du gouvernement des États Unis de rompre toute relation avec l'Organisation Mondiale de la Santé (OMS), en pleine crise sanitaire mondiale.

L'OMS est la seule organisation avec un mandat planétaire pour assurer la coordination mondiale en matière de santé publique de la riposte au COVID-19 durant ces moments de grande incertitude.

L'OMS joue un rôle prépondérant en supportant les pays à protéger leurs citoyens contre les menaces de santé publique à travers la coordination, le développement de vaccins, les traitements et les tests, la formation de travailleurs de santé et la sécurisation d'équipements et de matériels vitaux surtout dans les situations humanitaires difficiles. Il en est de même pour la pandémie de COVID-19 tout comme pour toutes les situations sanitaires qui continuent d'affecter les populations à travers le monde.

Mettre en défi le rôle et le mandat de l'OMS durant ces moments difficiles peut coûter des vies. La pandémie actuelle affecte chacun de nous et ne connaît pas de frontières. Personne ne sera en sécurité jusqu'à ce que tout le monde le soit. La seule façon de pallier cette pandémie est de nous rapprocher tous ensemble.

A ce moment difficile de la riposte mondiale, nous en appelons à l'esprit de collaboration et à la critique constructive tout en redoublant d'effort pour venir à bout de cette maladie. Nous saluons la résolution WHA73.1 de la dernière Assemblée mondiale de la Santé et l'appel à une évaluation impartiale et indépendante de la réponse de l'OMS face au COVID-19 et également, nous encourageons tous les gouvernements à évaluer leur réponse nationale face à cette épidémie.

Au-delà de l'horreur suscitée par cette pandémie, il y a une chance, à travers le partenariat et le multilatéralisme pour créer un monde meilleur que celui que nous avions avant. Un monde plus équitable capable de répondre aux besoins de santé de toutes les populations.

En septembre 2019, lors de la rencontre de haut niveau des Nations Unies sur la couverture de santé universelle, les leaders mondiaux ont endossé la déclaration de politique sur la santé

le plus ambitieux de l'histoire et ils se sont engagés de pourvoir à la santé de tout un chacun d'ici 2030. Il est temps que ces leaders passent de la parole aux actes.

Declaración sobre la decisión del gobierno de los Estados Unidos de terminar las relaciones con la Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS)

Nosotros, las organizaciones abajo firmantes, observamos con grave preocupación la decisión del Gobierno de los Estados Unidos de poner fin a las relaciones con la Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS) en medio de una pandemia mundial.

La OMS es la única organización con el mandato global de coordinar la respuesta de salud pública a COVID-19 durante este tiempo peligroso.

La OMS desempeña un papel vital en el apoyo a los países para proteger a sus ciudadanos de las amenazas a la salud pública, a través de la coordinación, el desarrollo de vacunas, tratamientos y pruebas, la capacitación de trabajadores de la salud y la obtención de suministros críticos, especialmente en entornos humanitarios. Esto es tan cierto para la pandemia actual de COVID-19 como lo es para muchos otros problemas de salud que continúan afectando a las personas en todo el mundo.

Desafiar el mandato de la OMS en estos tiempos difíciles costará vidas. La pandemia actual nos afecta a todos y no respeta las fronteras. Nadie está a salvo hasta que todos estén a salvo. La única forma de poner fin a la pandemia es acercarnos más.

En este momento crítico en la respuesta global, pedimos colaboración, críticas constructiva y redoblar nuestros esfuerzos para combatir esta enfermedad.

Agradecemos la Resolución WHA73.1 de la reciente Asamblea Mundial de la Salud, y en particular el llamado a una evaluación imparcial, independiente y completa de la respuesta de la OMS al COVID-19. Igualmente, alentamos a todos los gobiernos a evaluar sus respuestas nacionales a la epidemia.

En medio del horror que trae la pandemia, existe la oportunidad, a través de la asociación y el multilateralismo, de crear un mundo que sea mejor que el que teníamos antes; Un mundo más equitativo y capaz de atender las necesidades de salud de todas las personas.

En septiembre de 2019, en la Reunión de alto nivel de la ONU sobre la Cobertura Universal de Salud, los líderes mundiales respaldaron la declaración política sobre salud más ambiciosa e integral de la historia y se comprometieron a brindar la oportunidad de salud a todas las personas para 2030. Ahora es el momento que esos líderes mundiales respalden sus palabras con acciones significativas.

