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The Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the Office of the United Nations and the other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of the Member States of the World Health Organization (WHO) and has the honor to announce the candidature of Switzerland in the person of Mrs. Nora Kronig Romero, Ambassador for Global Health and Deputy Director of the Federal Office of Public Health, for a seat on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization for the period 2021 to 2024.

Close cooperation with the WHO has always been a priority for Switzerland's foreign health policy. This is reflected in Switzerland's involvement in the decision-making bodies of the WHO.

Among the priority themes of Swiss foreign health policy, Switzerland supports all efforts of the WHO and its member states to improve health protection and humanitarian crises, access to therapeutic products, the promotion of sustainable health systems and digitalization, and to promote a comprehensive approach that takes into account the determinants of health and addiction policy. Finally, global health governance is also an integral part of Swiss foreign health policy.

Within the WHO, Switzerland actively participates in strengthening the international system set up to detect, monitor, prevent and combat communicable diseases. More than ever, this system is proving to be indispensable in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic which is affecting the whole world.

In this context, Switzerland is also committed to strengthening global health governance through good management and transparency within the WHO. In particular through its work in the Standing Committee of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe, Switzerland supports all efforts to strengthen the UN organization at both regional and global level.

In the event of election, Switzerland will actively commit itself to the strategic objectives mentioned above.

The Swiss Government would be grateful for the support of WHO member states for Switzerland's candidacy.

The Permanent Mission of Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of the Member States of WHO the assurances of its highest consideration.

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