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משלחת ישראל
ליד משרד האומות המאוחדות
והארגונים הבינלאומיים בג'נבה

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Director-General, *Dr. Tedros,*

I am writing to you concerning the draft provisional agenda of the 73rd World Health Assembly, presented for approval in the 146th Session of the Executive Board in February 2020 under item 22.4. The draft agenda of the WHA, as proposed by the Secretariat, should address global health challenges and not political items. However, Doc 146/37 presents a proposal that includes one item that does not meet these criteria: item 18.

Decision WHA 72/8(1) requests the Director General "to report on progress in the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report by the Director-General, based on field monitoring, to the Seventy-third World Health Assembly". This report can and should be presented under the item that refers to other programs of assistance of the WHO and not as a stand-alone item. Therefore, we propose presenting the report currently listed under item 18 as an additional report under item 13.2.

The agenda of the WHA undergone through major changes and presents the vision of the WHO under three guiding pillars. Presenting the report requested as we suggest, and not as a stand-alone item, will be in line with your direction and the goals of the organization.

Let me re-emphasize Israel's support of WHO's program of assistance to the Palestinians and for promoting the capabilities of the organization to meet the amounting challenges for the well-being of the international community.

Sincerely,

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