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One Health Global Leaders Group on Antimicrobial Resistance

The Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) presents his compliments to Member States and has the honour to inform them that the Tripartite Joint Secretariat on Antimicrobial Resistance on behalf of the Tripartite Organizations (Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and WHO) is soliciting proposals for nominations of serving or former ministers or senior government officials to serve as members of the One Health Global Leaders Group on Antimicrobial Resistance (Global Leaders Group), one of the key recommendations of the Interagency Coordination Group (IACG).

The IACG concluded its mandate by submitting its report to the UN Secretary-General in April 2019. The UN Secretary-General (UNSG) reiterated his commitment to antimicrobial resistance in a report that underlined the importance of implementing the recommendations. Furthermore, he requested the Tripartite Organizations in close consultation with his office to propose the terms of reference and mechanisms for establishment of the Global Leaders Group as a key global governance structure. The Tripartite Joint Secretariat (TJS) developed draft terms of reference for the Global Leaders Group based on the IACG recommendations and conducted consultations with Member States, civil society and the private sector through web-based discussions and events in October and November 2019. The terms of reference were updated based on the feedback received from the consultations and were reviewed by the Directors-General of the Tripartite Organizations before submission to the UNSG Executive Office in February 2020.

In a letter to the Tripartite Organizations dated 15 June 2020, the UNSG approved the terms of reference and recommend that the Global Leaders Group's advisory and advocacy role would be more effective if directly accountable to and therefore formally convened by the Tripartite Organizations on behalf of the UNSG. The terms of reference are enclosed. In addition, an information note was developed to address the consistent concern raised during the consultations on the Global Leaders Group and the Independent Panel on Evidence for Action Against Antimicrobial Resistance about the complementarity and interaction of the three governance structures recommended by the IACG. The information note is enclosed.

The Tripartite Joint Secretariat is soliciting proposals for nominations of serving or former ministers or senior government officials to serve as members of the Global Leaders Group. Members will be selected on the basis of their professional and political experience and must have either demonstrated knowledge of, or commitment to becoming familiar with the areas covered by the Global Leaders Group. The appointment will take into consideration gender

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balance, geographic diversity and representation from across the One Health spectrum. Selected members will be appointed jointly by the Directors-General of the Tripartite Organizations on behalf of the Secretary-General. No honorarium will be paid to members.

Applications¹ should include a curriculum vitae (CV) (maximum 500 words) and a motivation letter highlighting their contributions and what they will bring to the Global Leaders Group (maximum 500 words) for consideration to amr-tjs@who.int by 31 August 2020.

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

GENEVA, 30 July 2020

¹ The Tripartite Joint Secretariat or the Tripartite Organizations shall not be obliged to reveal or discuss with any applicant or Member State how an application was assessed or to provide any other information related to the evaluation or selection process or to state to any applicant or Member State the reasons for elimination.