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## VERBAL NOTE

The Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Kyiv presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia and has the honour to communicate that the Government of the Republic of Slovenia has decided to present the candidature of Dr Kerstin Vesna Petrič to the Executive Board of the World Health Organization for the period 2021–2024. The election will take place at the next Regional Committee for Europe foreseen for September this year.

The Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia has the further honour to transmit to the Ministry the letter of support signed by Minister of Health of the Republic of Slovenia Mr Tomaž Gantar. The Curriculum Vitae of Dr Kerstin Vesna Petrič as well as the official Letter of Intent of Slovenia are also enclosed.

Dr Kerstin Vesna Petrič currently holds the position of Acting Director-General of the Directorate for Public Health at the Ministry of Health of Slovenia. She has an extensive national and international experience in working on public health issues and a proven track record of leadership on politically demanding health issues. During her career, she has been, among others, Member of the WHO Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe (SCRC), Member of the Management Board of the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Addiction, Vice-Chair of the Steering Committee of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, and Co-Chair of the Global network of WHO national counterparts for implementing the Global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol. She is also holder of a WHO certificate of appreciation (2009) for contribution in tobacco control.

If elected to the WHO Executive Board, Slovenia would, among others, focus on addressing determinants of health and inequalities, supporting the process of strengthening health systems and emphasizing the importance of including access to preventive services and health promotion throughout the life course as one of the key components of universal health coverage (UHC).

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Slovenia would contribute to a more coordinated political commitment on global health international flora and support the WHO Secretariat in implementation of agreed strategic documents and international commitments to better address arising global health challenges.

The Government of the Republic of Slovenia would highly value the support of the Government of Georgia for the candidature of Dr Kerstin Vesna Petrič to the Executive Board of the World Health Organization for the period 2021–2024.

The Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Kyiv avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia the assurances of its highest consideration.



Annex: letter and CV

Kyiv, 30 July 2020