## PERMANENT MISSION OF DENMARK TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AT GENEVA



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The Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations Office in Geneva presents its compliments to the permanent missions of WHO member states of the EURO region and has the honor to bring to your attention the candidacy of Denmark represented by Dr Søren Brostrøm, Director General of the Danish Health Authority, for a seat on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization (WHO) for the period 2021 to 2024, to be nominated at the EURO regional committee meeting in September.

Denmark is a longstanding and devoted supporter of WHO as the leading global health organization setting evidence based global technical norms, standards and policy options, in achieving universal health coverage, reducing inequalities and building resilient health systems. Denmark strongly recognizes the need to learn from the COVID-19 crisis and will engage actively in support of strengthening WHO. Since 1957, Denmark has proudly hosted the WHO Regional Office for Europe.

Dr. Brostrøm is a highly qualified candidate and health professional with extensive national and international experience. He has served as Director General of the Danish Health Agency since 2015 and holds a Medical Doctor degree, a PhD in neurophysiology and a Master of Public Administration. He currently chairs the 27th standing Committee of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe.

Please find attached for your easy reference a one-pager on Denmark's priorities as well as the official letter of intent of Denmark and the CV of Dr. Brostrøm.

The Government of Denmark would be grateful for the support of WHO EURO member states for its candidacy.

The Permanent Mission of Denmark avails itself of this opportunity to reiterate to the permanent missions of the WHO member states of the EURO region the assurances of its highest consideration.



Geneva, 15 July 2020

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