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21 October 2026

Dear Dr Peter Waiswa,

Subject: Appointment as a member of the technical working group of experts for the Essential Child Health Services framework

On behalf of the World Health Organization (WHO), I have the pleasure of inviting you to serve as a member of the technical working group of experts that will support WHO in developing a framework for Essential Child Health Services (ECHS).

The aim of this work is to define a set of essential health services for newborns, older children and adolescents, and to describe how the health sector can deliver them as a practical means of supporting the target groups' health and well-being. Further information on the background, scope, governance and timeline of the work is provided in the enclosed concept note.

The technical working group of experts will provide the scientific and technical expertise for the framework. As a member, you will be expected to take part in the meetings of the group, of which we currently foresee five between November 2026 and mid-2027, to review draft sections and provide written comments between meetings, and to help the group reach consensus on the technical content.

All meetings and related work will take place online. Members will serve in their personal capacity as independent experts, and not as representatives of their governments, institutions or any other organization. Unpublished documents shared with the group should be treated as confidential.

Your appointment will be effective from the date of this letter until 31 December 2027. In line with WHO practice, it is conditional on WHO's receipt of a duly completed and signed Declaration of Interests form, which is enclosed. We would be grateful if you could return it to Tania Teninge at teninget@who.int by 27 November 2026.

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WHO aims to publish the composition of the technical working group of experts on the WHO website. For this purpose, we would appreciate receiving, together with the Declaration of Interests form, a recent short biography of no more than 150 words and a recent portrait photograph showing your face. By sending these, you agree to their publication on the WHO website together with your name and affiliation.

I sincerely thank you for your willingness to contribute your expertise to this work.

Yours sincerely,

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