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Sir,

Sasakawa Health Prize

I have the honour to invite the national health administration of your Government to nominate a candidate to be awarded the 1995 Sasakawa Health Prize. A copy of the Statutes of the Prize is attached.

The Prize consists of a statuette and a sum of money amounting to approximately US\$ 100 000; the actual amount awarded to each laureate is determined by the Prize Committee. The Prize is awarded for outstanding innovative work in health development, such as the promotion of given health programmes or notable advances in primary health care, in order to encourage the further development of such work and is normally presented at a ceremony held during the World Health Assembly. To facilitate the selection of candidates, the attached guidelines have been prepared.

I am sure you will understand that it is essential to limit each national health administration to one nomination only. This should be accompanied by adequate justification and the most recent and pertinent documentation as evidence of the work being carried out by the person or persons, institution or institutions, or nongovernmental organization or organizations being nominated. Having such relevant information available will greatly help the Sasakawa Health Prize Committee in its assessment of candidates, whereas lack of such information could seriously handicap its work. Attention is therefore drawn to the need to provide precise information by completing the attached form. The right is also reserved to examine on behalf of the Sasakawa Health Prize Committee, the work being carried out.

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Article 4 of the Statutes indicates that one of the main purposes of the award is to encourage further development of work of the kind mentioned above. Therefore, candidates proposed should not only be intimately associated with the work but should have the possibility of remaining involved in its further development. In this connection it should be noted that, in accordance with Article 8, reports on work carried out by recipients of the Prize shall, where appropriate, be submitted annually to the Director-General as Administrator of the Prize.

Candidates put forward for the Prize in previous years, but not selected, may be nominated again. However, the candidature of a current or a former member of the WHO Secretariat, or a current member of the Executive Board will not be accepted.

Should you wish to nominate a candidate, I should be grateful if you would send your proposal, together with a completed nomination form, signed by the competent authority, in time to reach WHO headquarters in Geneva not later than 29 October 1994 to ensure that the Sasakawa Health Prize Committee receives well-prepared documentation. It should be noted that it will not be possible to submit nominations received after this closing date to the Prize Committee when it meets in January 1995.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

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Director-General