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Geneva, 1 July 1994

Sir,

Léon Bernard Foundation Prize

I have the honour to invite the national health administration of your Government to propose the name of a person it would like to have considered as a candidate for the next award of the Léon Bernard Foundation Prize. A copy of the Foundation's Statutes, as amended in May 1979, is attached for your easy reference.

It will be noted that the Prize, consisting of a bronze medal and the sum of one thousand Swiss francs, will be awarded to "a person having accomplished outstanding service in the field of social medicine" (Article 2), that "the nomination must be accompanied by a written statement of the reasons on which it is based" and that "no condition is made as to the age, sex, profession or nationality of the candidate proposed" (Article 5). The Prize is normally presented at a ceremony held during the World Health Assembly to the recipient or to a person representing the recipient.

It is essential that the nomination of any one national health administration should be limited to one candidate and presented with a justification of the nomination. A lack of relevant information could greatly handicap the Léon Bernard Foundation Committee in its assessment of the candidates. Attention is therefore drawn to the importance of providing precise information by completing the attached form.

Candidates put forward in past years, but not selected, may be nominated again for the award in 1995. However, the candidature of a current or a former member of the WHO Secretariat will not be taken into consideration, nor will that of a deceased person be submitted to the Foundation Committee, unless that person dies after the nomination has been made.

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Should you wish to make a nomination, I should be grateful if you would send your proposal, together with the completed candidature form, signed by the competent authority, in time to reach WHO headquarters in Geneva not later than 29 October 1994 to ensure that the Léon Bernard Foundation Committee receives well-prepared documentation. Nominations received after this closing date will not be submitted to the Foundation Committee when it meets in January 1995.

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

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Director-General