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Sir,

Child Health 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 Child Health Foundation Prize. A copy of the Foundation's Statutes, as amended in January 1987, is attached for your easy reference.

It will be noted that the Prize, consisting of a bronze medal and the sum of US\$ 2500, will be given to a person having accomplished outstanding service in the field of child health. The Prize will be presented during the Forty-eighth World Health Assembly in May 1995 to the recipient or to a person representing the recipient.

It is essential that the nomination of each 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 Child Health Foundation Committee in its assessment of the candidates. Attention is therefore drawn to the importance of providing precise information by completing the attached form.

The Child Health Foundation Committee at its meeting in January 1983, established the following criteria for evaluating candidatures:

- (1) only persons who are still professionally active should be considered;
- (2) candidates should have done substantive work in the field of social paediatrics;

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(3) publications by candidates should be taken into account, especially as regards their international impact;

(4) activities directly related to candidates' official positions should not be considered.

Candidates previously put forward, 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.

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 Child Health 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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