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Sir,

In accordance with Articles 14 and 15 of the Constitution, Rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly, resolution WHA36.16, para. 1(2) and decision EB95(16), I have the honour to convene the Forty-eighth World Health Assembly at 12 noon, on Monday, 1 May 1995, in the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland. The Forty-eighth World Health Assembly shall close no later than Friday, 12 May 1995.

The provisional agenda for this Assembly, as prepared by the Executive Board at its ninety-fifth session, is enclosed.

With regard to the debate on the reports of the Executive Board and the World Health Report in plenary meetings of the Health Assembly, it is recalled that the Board decided in operative paragraph 2(1) of resolution EB71.R3 that the debate should "focus especially on issues or topics deemed to be of particular importance". At its ninety-fifth session, the Board agreed that delegates addressing the plenary meeting at the Forty-eighth World Health Assembly should be invited to give special attention to "Equity and solidarity in health - Bridging the gaps". The delegates' presentations should focus on global policy and strategy issues rather than country situation reports; delegates should try to identify concrete examples of fundamental and effective mechanisms for the development of actions to bridge these gaps.

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I should be pleased to be informed at your earliest convenience and, if possible, not later than 14 April, of the names of the members of the delegation which will represent your country at this Assembly. Your attention is drawn to the provisions of Articles 11 and 12 of the Constitution, Rule 22 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly and also to the terms of resolution WHA30.11, the texts of which are attached for your reference and which you may also wish to take into consideration when appointing the members of your delegation.

Attention is drawn to the strict provisions in force regarding entry into Switzerland, including the refusal of persons not having required visas. Participants requiring entry visas must obtain these from the Swiss Consulate or Diplomatic Mission in their own country before leaving for Geneva. Those participants travelling from a country where there is no Swiss Consulate or Diplomatic Mission may, exceptionally, obtain a visa on arrival in Geneva provided that they advise WHO Visas Section, Geneva, by telex or facsimile, of their arrival details. Participants must provide their full name, date and place of birth, nationality and national passport number (with dates of issue and expiry) as well as their date of arrival and flight number. This information must reach WHO at least 48 hours prior to the date of arrival to permit the Visas Section to arrange the exceptional issue of an entry visa upon arrival at Geneva airport. Certain countries may require up to two weeks advance notice.

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

Hiroshi Nakajima, M.D., Ph.D.  
Director-General