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WHO DIRECTOR-GENERAL: PROPOSALS

Geneva: The deadline for proposals for nominations for the post of Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) passed yesterday.

Today, the proposals were opened by the Chairman of the WHO Executive Board, Dr Fernando Antezana Aranibar. He has now advised WHO's 192 Member States of the list of names of the persons who have been proposed.

These are:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Proposed by</u>
Dr Kazem Behbehani	Kuwait
Dr Margaret Chan	China
Dr Julio Frenk	Mexico
Mr David A. Gunnarsson	Iceland
Dr Nay Htun	Myanmar
Dr Karam Karam	Syrian Arab Republic
Dr Bernard Kouchner	France
Dr Pascoal Manuel Mocumbi	Mozambique
Dr Shigeru Omi	Japan
Dr Alfredo Palacio González	Ecuador
Professor Pekka Puska	Finland
Ms Elena Salgado Méndez	Spain
Professor Dr Tomris Türmen	Turkey

Since 1 June, WHO's 192 Member States have had the opportunity to propose candidates.

The WHO Secretariat will now translate the proposals and the curriculum vitae of the candidates submitted by the Member States concerned, into the six official languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) and dispatch these to all Member States by 5 October.

From 6 - 8 November, the Executive Board will meet in Geneva to decide on a short-list of candidates, interview them, and then vote to propose a candidate to the World Health Assembly. In a special session on 9 November, the Assembly will consider the Board's nomination and appoint a Director-General.

For more information, see: http://www.who.int/mediacentre/selection_faq/en/index.html.

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