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**World Hearing Forum | World Hearing Day Workstream**

**Re: Letter of Support for World Hearing Day as a United Nations International Day**

Dear World Hearing Forum,

I am writing to express my strong support for the recognition of World Hearing Day (March 3) as an official United Nations International Day. As [YOUR ROLE/TITLE] with [YOUR ORGANIZATION/AFFILIATION], [I/we] believe this recognition is essential to advancing global hearing health and ensuring that no one is left behind due to preventable or treatable hearing loss.

Hearing health is fundamental to human connection, education, economic participation, and overall wellbeing. Yet over 1.5 billion people worldwide live with hearing loss, with the global economic burden exceeding US $980 billion annually. Despite this enormous impact, hearing health remains critically underserved, particularly in low- and middle-income countries where access to care is limited or non-existent.

The evidence is clear in reporting that nearly 60% of childhood hearing loss is preventable, and every dollar invested in hearing care returns nearly $16 in economic and social benefits. United Nations’ recognition of World Hearing Day would transform awareness into sustained commitment, mobilizing Member States to integrate hearing health into national health systems and development agendas. This recognition directly supports progress toward multiple Sustainable Development Goals, including Good Health and Wellbeing, Quality Education, Decent Work and Economic Growth, and Reduced Inequalities.

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For these reasons, [I/we] strongly support the World Hearing Forum’s initiative to secure United Nations’ recognition for World Hearing Day. I encourage Member States to sponsor or co-sponsor this resolution and commit to championing hearing health as a global public health priority.

I stand ready to support this initiative in any way I can and encourage others in my network to do the same.

Sincerely,

[Your Signature]

**[Your Full Name]**

[Your Title/Role]

[Your Organization/Affiliation]

[Email Address]