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Dear Dr Kaseya, *Dear Jean,*

I have the honour to follow up on decision WHA79(20), Reform of the global health architecture and the UN80 Initiative, adopted by the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly. The decision requests me to convene relevant stakeholders and commence implementation of the Joint Process to Support Reforms of the Global Health Architecture (GHA). It also provides for the establishment of a Joint Task Force on GHA Reform to develop options and recommendations for consideration by the Eightieth World Health Assembly in 2027.

In this regard, and recognizing the central role of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention in global health architecture, I am pleased to inform you that the Co-Chairs of the Joint Task Force on GHA Reform, Dr Yong Feng and Mr Björn Kümmel, would like to invite you to join the Task Force as the representative of regional health organizations. The attached Terms of Reference provide further details on the Task Force's purpose and objectives, functions and deliverables, and methods of work.

I would be grateful to receive your confirmation at your earliest convenience, to enable Africa CDC to participate fully in the first in-person meeting of the full Task Force, to be convened at WHO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland from 3 to 4 September 2026. To facilitate the work of the Task Force and support Africa CDC's engagement in the Joint Process, I would also appreciate receiving your nomination of a technical focal point.

I look forward to your positive response and to continuing our close collaboration on this important agenda.

*with my very best
personal regards.*

Yours sincerely,

Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
Director-General

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