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STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

At a time of significant threats to global public health, the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) stands in solidarity with World Health Organization (WHO) in its role of promoting health for all and in protecting population health in all nations.

WHO is the United Nations' specialist agency for health. In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, we consider that the role of WHO has never been more important in coordinating a unified, global response to the spread of COVID-19. In countries with strong health systems and in those whose health systems are fragile, the role of WHO is critical in bringing together scientific, epidemiological and clinical experts to guide the response of Member States and minimize loss of life.

Beyond the current pandemic, we consider that WHO's expertise in developing norms, standards and technical documents to improve population health, tackling premature mortality and supporting best practice in disease prevention and health promotion is crucial. This includes the care of spine and musculoskeletal disorders and the effects of these disorders on the nervous system and on general health.

Many countries rely on the support and expertise of WHO to protect the health of their citizens. In the midst of a global pandemic, the threat is all the more worrying as resources are stretched and the world looks to WHO for support in containing the spread of the coronavirus outbreak and in saving lives.

The WFC is the only chiropractic organization in official relations with WHO as a non-State actor. We call on all governments to step up efforts to beat the coronavirus pandemic by working collaboratively and maintaining funding to WHO. The health of nations, societies, communities and families depend on a unified, coordinated response. Solidarity is key and no single nation will beat this pandemic alone.