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Dated: 29th October 2020

To,

Dr. Afzal Javed, The President, World Psychiatric Association (WPA).

Subject: Congratulations for Joining Office as President of WPA.

Dear Dr. Javed,

On behalf of Pakistan Psychiatric Society (PPS), the pioneer representative organization of psychiatrists in Pakistan, I would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to our very own senior and prestigious PPS member, holding PPS' Honourary Title of "Distinguished Global https://www.wpanet.org/post/mental-health-and-the-future-of-psychiatry joining as the President of World Psychiatric Association (WPA). This has created a huge milestone for PPS archives. We wish for your success for the responsibilities and challenges of your high office, which you have joined at an extremely crucial moment in world history,

We are very pleased to learn about your praise-worthy priorities as President, and are on the path of implementing synonymous strategies in Pakistan. Your foresight regarding the devastating mental health consequences of COVID-19, and call for immediate actions at population level are prime concerns that are globally significant, and must be addressed by every country affected by this pandemic. Previously, PPS also urged the national policy-makers for "Management of COVID-19 Crisis with Focus on Mental Health" (https://ppspk.com/Web/DetailView?Id=1052), and also wrote to WPA Former President-Prof. Herrman (https://ppspk.com/Web/DetailView?Id=1055).

As you embark upon your new responsibilities, PPS wishes to assure you and WPA of greater cooperation, unconditional support and deeper ties with our society and mental health professionals in Pakistan. Thus, PPS looks forward to working with you not only to develop closer relations between our organisations, the fraternity but also for the efficient management of this global crisis with the help of Mental Health, which is the most precious and essential human resource for enduring COVID-19.

Thank you for the time and cooperation. Looking forward to your momentous tenure. Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Afridi FCPS, FRCP President, Pakistan Psychiatric Society

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