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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Sudan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations presents its compliments to the World Health Organization, and has the honour to transmit herewith the letter of H.E. Ali Elsadig Ali, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Sudan, nominating **Dr. Ahmed Farah SHADOUL** for the post of WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMRO).

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Sudan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the World Health Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.



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To: H.E. Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
WHO Director General

Nomination Letter

I, Ali Elsadig Ali, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Sudan, hereby proudly certify that **Dr. Ahmed Farah SHADOUL** has been nominated by the Government of the Republic of the Sudan as a candidate for the post of WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMRO), as stated in the WHO Note Verbale dated April 4th, 2023.

Dr. SHADOUL's remarkable qualifications and extensive experience make him an ideal candidate for this crucial position. As the former State Minister of Health for Darfur State and with a distinguished background in the WHO, he possesses a clear vision that aligns with the current global challenges of economic crisis, post-pandemic recovery, and the new initiatives introduced by the WHO.

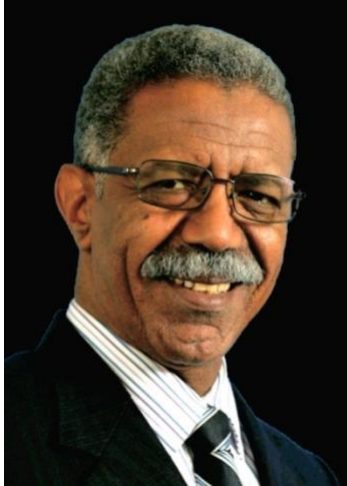
Dr. SHADOUL's notable contributions as a consultant, a Senior Staff member of the WHO Staff Pension Committee, and as an International Child Health Promotion Medical Officer in post-conflict Afghanistan highlight his dedication and commitment to public health. His expertise will undoubtedly bring hope and resilience to the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMRO) in the face of adversity and uncertainty, even in the face of a long road ahead.

With Dr. SHADOUL at the helm, EMRO can look forward to a future where faith is restored and progress is made. His leadership and experience will propel the region forward and ensure its continued growth and development.

It is with great confidence and enthusiasm that I endorse Dr. Ahmed Farah SHADOUL as the candidate of the Government of the Republic of the Sudan for the esteemed position of WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMRO).

(Done at Khartoum, 12th of June 2023)

Mr. Ali Elsadig Ali
Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of the Sudan



Dr. Ahmed Farah SHADOUL

I am currently the Secretary General of Sudan Medical Specialization Board, and Director of Arab Health Specialization Board, Sudan Office, as well as a Senior Advisor to the Federal Minister of Health, and Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation. I am also the Goodwill Ambassador for Health for Sudan. I am highly recognized and established leader of top national institutions and advisors to several national and international organizations, as well as highly skillful paediatrician with strong public health orientation and experience. With over 30 years experience in different aspects of medical and health care.

I graduated in Faculty of Medicine, University Khartoum and received my post graduate training as a paediatrician in University of Liverpool, UK, with additional post graduate degrees in communication and health education; Disaster Management and information technology. I have over 30 years experience in planning implementing, monitoring, supervising and evaluating maternal, neonatal and child health and disease control programmes in developing and developed countries. I have played a key part in pioneering the implementation of the Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses (IMCI) in Sudan and the Eastern Mediterranean Region.

I have vast knowledge and experience of the UN system, was the Chief of Health and Nutrition section at UNICEF, Sudan; Medical officer at WHO Sudan. I have taken several missions and assignments to assist EMR countries (Afghanistan, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Morocco, Pakistan, Syria and Yemen) in planning, adapting, implementing and reviewing the IMNCI programmes.

I was appointed by WHO as an International Child Health Promotion Medical Officer for two years in post-conflict Afghanistan, and during this period I have developed innovative initiatives and interventions used to initiate and develop National Child Health and Nutrition Policies and help in developing national policies for management of all forms of malnutrition in women and children.

I have joined WHO Pakistan Country office and assisted their MoH in finalizing the Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health National strategy documents. My technical contributions and in-depth knowledge culminated in establishing a National Maternal and Child Health (MNCH) program in Pakistan and Afghanistan, and have played an important role in strengthening the capacity of National and partners at Federal, Provincial and District levels in implementing the Pakistan National Health Policy and the Devolution Process. Have supported GoP in many areas including strengthening the health system, resource mobilization through Global Fund, GAVI and Norwegian Pakistan Partnership (NPPI). Successfully led the massive humanitarian operations during the Pakistan Earthquake 2005, Swat IDP crises of 2009 and The Megafloods of Pakistan in 2010, and coordinated all the emergency health relief interventions. I was an active member of the UN Task force for One UN Joint Programme in Pakistan, and the chairperson of the UN task force for developing and implementing a contingency plan for Avian Influenza.

Prior to my joining the UN system, I was a senior Government Official in different positions in Sudan including, State Minister of Health for Darfur State, Director General of Primary Health Care at the Federal Ministry of Health. During my tenure, I have restructured the PHC department to achieve new roles and accommodating new developments. Have lead a number of essential reforms in the FMOH and developed the strategic plans, particularly, the initiation and finalization of the 25-years FMOH strategic plan (2000-2025).

I have been the Head of Mission and WHO Representative in Afghanistan and Yemen where I led two of the largest humanitarian operations along with the development components. In spite of all the difficulties and multiple frequent emergencies, I was able in successfully managing WHO core functions at country level and provided leadership in Advocacy, Partnership and Representation, Policy Development and Technical Cooperation, and Administration and management. I was an upstream policy adviser to the governments and promoting an effective health dimension to social, economic, environmental and development policy; Assessments of broad political trends at the global and regional level and their implications on national health programmes and promoting coordination amongst health development partners.

In Policy Development and Technical Cooperation, I have managed to catalyze policy development through informed social and health policy options in ways that stimulate action and help to build sustainable national health systems and capacity in the health sector.

During the UN evacuation from Yemen in 2015, I acted as the Humanitarian Coordinator as well as the UN Resident Coordinator for Yemen, and during this time I coordinated and managed all the Humanitarian interventions as well as controlling the different disease outbreaks that took place in a very complicated operation due to the total seige of the country, and successfully managed to lead the access negotiation between the different fighting factions and mobilized considerable resources to Yemen humanitarian operation.

I have been elected by the WHA 2022 as senior staff member of WHO Staff Pension Committee. I am also a member of the TAG of WHO Global Code of practice on international recruitment of Health Personnel.

It is equally important to mention that I'm currently the Secretary General of the Sudan Medical Specialization Board which is the sole institute responsible for professional medical and allied health post graduate training in Sudan, has over 10,000 Students currently enrolled in training in more than 150 accredited training sites mentored by 2,000 trainers all over Sudan, I am also the Director of Arab Health Specialization Board, Sudan Office and the Coordinator of the Egyptian Fellowship Board.

With regards to the COVID pandemic, I have played a paramount role during the efforts to manage and control COVID-19 Pandemic; while supporting the FMOH in managing and controlling the different disease outbreaks that accured during the pase few years.