Lima, 28 DEC. 2011

Madam Chair:

I am pleased to address Your Excellency with regard to the election of the next Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, which will be held during the 28th Pan American Sanitary Conference, in Washington, D.C., from 17 to 21 September 2012.

On behalf of the Government of Peru, I have the honor of nominating Dr. Óscar Raúl Ugarte Ubilluz for the position of Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for the period 2013-2018; the corresponding curriculum vitae is attached.

Peru regards this nomination to the highest post in the Pan American Health Organization as a reaffirmation of its steadfast commitment to contribute to the Organization's work on behalf of the States that form part of it and the health of the peoples of the region. For this reason, it has taken special care to choose a candidate with the highest personal and professional qualifications, as is the case of Dr. Ugarte Ubilluz.

I would be very grateful if this nomination could be forwarded to the Member States of the Pan American Health Organization.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Rafael Roncagliolo Orbegoso Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru

To H.E. Madam

María Eugenia Sader Castellanos Chair of the Executive Committee of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Washington, D.C.