Statement of interest to be elected to the Board of Health Systems Global

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I am pleased to accept the nomination for Board Member of the Board of Directors of Health Systems Global (HSG). I have been a member of HSG for twelve years and of the Board for the past four years. It is my appreciation for the Society and understanding of the challenges that lie ahead that motivate me to stand for re-election to the Board. In this statement I outline the reasons why I believe I can continue to make contributions to the Board if elected.

Firstly, I have significant experience working and conducting research on global health governance and health systems strengthening, demonstrated by over 15 years working in academic and policy settings. My research has focused on understanding the impact of global health institutions and decision-making on the health systems of low- and middle- resourced settings. This has led me to working in six countries and conducting fieldwork in the Americas, Europe, and Africa. Given that I study current or recent policy processes, achieving impact of my research is paramount among my goals. I have been successful in reaching the institutions I have studied, and they have applied my findings to their processes such as the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (Global Fund), the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR) and Southern African Development Institute (SADC). This technical expertise would be useful to the Board given HSG's role in advancing the field of Health Policy and Systems Research.

Secondly, as previously mentioned, I have been honored to serve on the Board for the past four years. During this time, I have increased my involvement on the Board culminating in my election within the Board as Treasurer in 2022. My role as Treasurer has not only entailed overseeing the financial health of the Society but also being involved in making key strategic decisions as one of three Board Officers. In addition to this role, I undertook the challenge of chairing the Governance committee where I led work around making significant changes to some of our policies, as well as representing HSG in the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) 2030 committees on behalf of the Advocacy Committee of the Board. I have also served on a range of other committees and initiatives including the Strategic Planning Working Group, Fundraising Committee, the Symposium Executive Committee, City Selection Committee, among others. My active participation in these various activities has allowed me to learn about the internal work of the Society, including its challenges and opportunities, knowledge which would be valuable if I am re-elected to the Board.

Finally, I am enthusiastic about continuing to serve the Board given the knowledge I have gained about the Society as a Board Member and Board Officer in the past four years. This understanding has given me ideas about how to take the Society to the next level in the coming years. Some of these ideas include streamlining our internal processes, expanding the reach of our symposia, supporting underrepresented researchers, and improving the communications with our membership. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ana B. Amaya