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From: Maia Uchaneishvili

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To: Health Systems Global Board Selection Committee

Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic interest in serving as a board member for Health Systems Global. As the current Director of the Curatio International Foundation (CIF) and a dedicated member of the HSG community, I am deeply committed to advancing our collective goals in health policy and systems research (HPSR).

Since joining Curatio International Foundation in 2011, my career has evolved from a project assistant to the Research Unit Director, and now as the overall Director of the organization. This journey has been fuelled by a passion for impactful research and a desire to strengthen health systems both within Georgia and across the broader Eastern Europe and Central Asia region and beyond. My experiences have offered me a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and opportunities in HPSR, equipping me with the insights needed to contribute effectively to the HSG Board.

During the period from 2015 to 2020, our organization had the privilege of managing the HSG Secretariat, where I was also involved in operational management. This experience provided me with an in-depth perspective on the operations and strategic direction of HSG, which I believe will be invaluable in a board capacity.

I am particularly proud of initiating the HSG EECA regional group, which aims to harness the potential of regional researchers and stakeholders in HPSR. This initiative is a testament to my commitment to fostering collaboration and enhancing the regional impact on global health systems. Additionally, as a member of the organizing committee for the upcoming HSG Europe Regional Pre-Conference in September 2024, I am actively involved in shaping discussions that are vital to our field's advancement.

I have actively participated in numerous Health Systems Research (HSR) symposiums, contributing both as a presenter and as an organizer. This engagement has not only deepened my expertise in the field but has also enabled me to foster meaningful collaborations with global health professionals."

In parallel, I serve as the manager of the Healthcare Advocacy Coalition, an alliance of diverse organizations dedicated to advocating for stronger health policies and system improvements. My leadership in this role demonstrates my ability to build and sustain influential networks that drive substantial advancements in health policy.

I have also contributed to the academic community as a co-author of several peer-reviewed publications, which further solidifies my commitment to evidence-based approaches in health policy.

If selected as a board member, I am eager to focus on enhancing HPSR capacity building and community engagement. I am confident that my innovative ideas and leadership skills will contribute significantly to the board, helping to steer HSG towards new heights in improving health systems globally.

Thank you for considering my application. I am excited about the possibility of contributing to the board and am eager to bring my expertise and passion to Health Systems Global.

With respect and kind regards,

Maia Uchaneishvili

Director, Curatio International Foundation