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Dear Dr Hertoghe and Dr Krause,

Thank you for your open letter addressed to the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) demonstrating your profound interest in the issue of climate change and health.

WHO has recognized climate change as one of the biggest threats to human health in the 21st century. We aim to raise awareness within the public health community of the importance of climate change for present and future health and facilitate the necessary adaptive responses of the health system. It is a prominent feature at the World Health Assembly which is currently taking place in Geneva.

We appreciate your support and should like to thank you for your acknowledgement of WHO's work as well as for both your constant efforts to draw attention to climate change and health, and your devotion to this matter.

Yours sincerely

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