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Letter of commitment in joining the WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities

I am pleased to confirm that the municipality of Stavanger is committed to joining the WHO Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities. We are dedicated to actively participating in network activities and sharing our experiences of age-friendly initiatives with fellow network members.

Stavanger, situated on Norway's west coast with a population of approximately 150,000, comprises both urban and rural areas, resulting in a diverse population with unique and shared needs and challenges. As our community faces the challenges and opportunities associated with an ageing population, we anticipate a population growth of over 9% by 2050, primarily in the over-65 age group.

Our municipality has ambitious plans to create a thriving environment for everyone, taking into account these demographic changes. This commitment aligns with one of the key goals in our municipal master plan, focusing on creating flourishing daily lives for our citizens alongside our aspirations to be a regional business center and a green spearhead. Achieving these goals necessitates careful planning and collaboration with the elderly, private sector, and voluntary sector to ensure long, healthy, active, and independent lives for our elderly population.

I would like to highlight that the Norwegian Ministry of Health and Care Services have launched a national reform titled "A full life – all your life," aiming to improve the quality of life in the elderly population. Between 2020 and 2023, Stavanger municipality has diligently worked to implement the recommendations of this reform, collaborating closely with senior citizens in our community. Our efforts in making the city more age-friendly involve a multidisciplinary working-group, addressing aspects such as transport, information, participation, and housing.

We have actively sought input- and collaborated with our residents, and many of these initiatives are still ongoing. We are deeply committed to making Stavanger more age-friendly and recognize the value of participating in and learning from the

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programs and experiences of other cities in the network. We believe that this collaboration will enhance and enrich our efforts, and we hope to contribute valuable insights to the network as well.

Sincerely yours


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Mayor